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Fair worker speaks of tragic day girl, 7, died

Jury hears from operators of inflatables as Crown Court trial enters third week

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A FAIRGROUND employee has spoken in court of the moment he opened the door of an inflatable bouncy castle blown away by wind to find a seven-year-old girl had been inside.

Two fairground employees are standing trial over the death of Summer Grant, from Norwich, who died after a bouncy castle she was on blew away in Harlow.

William Thurston, 29 and Shelby Thurston, 26, are appearing at Chelmsford Crown Court charged with manslaughter by gross negligence, as yesterday (May 2) the trial continued into its third week.

On March 26, 2016, Summer Grant was playing on the inflatable at the town park funfair when it was swept 'some distance'.

Rushed

The youngster from Norwich suffered serious injuries and was rushed to Princess Alexandra Hospital, but sadly died a few hours later.

Both self-employed fairground employees are jointly accused of gross negligence manslaughter and failing to reduce the risks of the inflatable blowing away.

On August 16, 2017, the pair denied causing the death and the case was sent to trial.

Yesterday (Wednesday, May 2) William Thurston was cross-examined by defence barrister Charles Bott. Mr Bott asked William Thurston what happened when the inflatable was lifted by the wind.

William Thurston said: "The



Flowers were placed at the site of the fairground after the death of Summer Grant on March 26, 2016

inflatable went out of sight, behind the caravans and lorries that were at the rear of the fair, so then we had to make our way through them. The inflatable was tumbling down the hill. It came to a rest at the bottom on a fence.

"The closest point of the inflatable to me was a corner. It had not stopped parallel. I knew immediately that that was a corner where there was an emergency exit.

"I opened the zip and then Velcro inside. I pushed it off to see if there was anybody inside."

"I still didn't believe that there was anybody inside. I was

hoping to God that there wasn't. I poked my head inside first and called words to the effect of, 'Is there anybody in there?'

"I got no response. There was a second where I was relieved because I thought there was nobody inside."

"I went in and saw there was a little girl inside. I picked her up, carried her outside.

"There was a few people there by that point. I put her in the recovery position.

"She was blinking. Someone called an ambulance and it seemed like that was there immediately. It was really quick."

■ **The trial continues**



Summer Grant, 7, of Norwich

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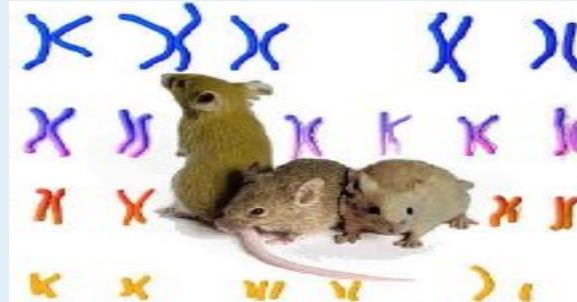
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Mystery of how and why dad was stabbed to death remains

Coroner's open verdict at inquest into 48-year-old found collapsed two years ago

By Lottie O'Neill

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HOW a Harlow dad came to suffer a fatal stab wound to his heart remains a mystery two years on.

Hassan Mohamed, a father-of-two, was found by passers-by collapsed in a hedge by a cycle path.

An inquest into his death at Chelmsford Coroner's Court on Friday (April 30) heard that with no CCTV footage of the direct crime scene, police are still unsure how he was stabbed and what led to his death.

Paramedics rushed to perform emergency surgery at the scene and as they opened up his chest they found he had suffered a cut to his heart.

He was then taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital but despite further medical treatment he died.

THE MORNING OF MARCH 5, 2016

Hassan Abdi Mohamed, who was 48-years-old, had finished a night shift where he worked and came home to Abbotsweald in Harlow.

His family was staying at his partner's father's address and he returned home around 8.30am on Saturday, March 5, 2016.

He slept on the sofa in the living room downstairs for a short while in the morning.

Mr Mohamed had been using class A drugs for several years and at about 10am it was understood by his partner that he was going "to buy some drugs at a usual location", which was along a cycle path in Pyenest Road, close to Holly Field.

His partner took their two children to the local shops and Mr Mohamed would meet them after buying the drugs.

Detective Chief Inspector Martin Passmore told the inquest: "His son tried ringing him a number of times with no response and



Above, Hassan Mohamed, a father-of-two, was found by passers-by collapsed in a hedge by a cycle path. Left, police cars at the cycle path at the time of the discovery.

are still unsure what unfolded down that path that led to Mr Mohamed being stabbed.

The knife that was seen inside his sleeve has never been recovered.

THEORIES POLICE HAVE EXPLORED

Police have also questioned whether Mr Mohamed had a debt through his use of drugs, or that he could have taken the weapon with him to intend to rob the dealers.

However, there has been no evidence to further suggest or investigate these theories.

DCI Passmore said: "We don't understand what happened at the scene. We know the knife has never been found. We believe whoever stabbed Mr Mohamed took the knife with them."

He also said they have no reports of why the knife was taken to the scene with the dad-of-two.

The case remains open. DCI Passmore insisted: "The case is not closed. We have at this stage exhausted all reasonable lines of inquiry. If new evidence came to light in the future it would be ready to be revisited."

The coroner said: "Hassan Abdi Mohamed, who had been born in Somalia, on January 1, 1968, and at the time of his death was living in Harlow."

"He sadly died on March 5, 2016, it's been a while ago, and all that time Essex Police have been carrying out this investigation."

"I am going to record an open conclusion. We haven't got all the pieces of the jigsaw, we just don't know quite what happened on that Saturday morning."

"He clearly was much loved, seeing the family here today, and I would like to express my condolences with you and hope you will be able to think about the happy memories that you have with him."

went to see where he was.

"He rang his mother and said his dad was on the ground and she had to go there quickly."

His children were unaware of Mr Mohamed's drug use but knew that he would sometimes be in that area, which is why his son went to look for him.

When his mother and sister arrived at the scene, they saw him lying on the ground being attended to by paramedics.

DCI Passmore said: "Paramedics performed an emergency operation at the time. They actually opened his chest, identified a cut to his heart and stitched the heart."

"They were trying to do everything they could to save his life. They couldn't do any more, considering the circumstances."

Mr Mohamed was then transferred to Princess Alexandra Hospital for further life-saving treatment, but he died at 12.07pm.

Dr Benjamin Swift, a forensic

pathologist, performed a post-mortem examination the following day and noted the cause of death as hypovolemic shock and cardiac tamponade, due to a stab wound to the right ventricle in the heart.

WHAT IS HYPOVOLEMIC SHOCK?

Cardiac tamponade is a serious condition which occurs when blood or fluids fill the space between the sac that encases the heart and the heart muscle itself. When this happens there is extreme pressure on the heart and it prevents the heart's ventricles from expanding fully.

A histology report, which looks at natural causes of death, and toxicology reports were conducted. Toxicology results revealed that there were traces of cocaine, heroin, methadone, tramadol and

citalopram in Mr Mohamed's system. None of the drugs were ingested at levels associated with an overdose.

NO CCTV FOOTAGE OF THE CRIME SCENE

DCI Passmore was called as an expert witness at the inquest.

He told the coroner that there was no CCTV of the incident itself.

However, a figure who police believe to be Mr Mohamed was seen on CCTV at about 10.17am walking towards the area. This would match up with reports that the father left his house at about 10am.

He said: "Mr Mohamed is probably walking towards the area where he was found a short time later and this was the last sighting of him."

There were also scratches on

his face and head, which investigators believe could be where Mr Mohamed fell inside hedgerows along the cycle path.

Dr Swift explained in his report that although the victim suffered a fatal stab wound to the heart, he may have been able to walk or move for some time after.

One witness told police that they saw Mr Mohamed, who was born in Somalia, with a knife tucked inside the sleeve of his coat jacket.

Senior coroner Caroline Beasley-Murray asked DCI Passmore: "That knife has never been found?"

DCI Passmore replied: "No, it would seem like a type of carving knife and he had taken a knife from the home address."

"Why did he take a knife with him to purchase drugs, and what was the catalyst at the scene for violence to be used?" she said.

DCI Passmore told the inquest that Essex Police, although investigating numerous lines of inquiry,

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Shelby and William Thurston are jointly accused of manslaughter by gross negligence

'I think Summer is poorly' – sobbing mum recounts Lily's Five-year-old's heartbreaking words as her sister died at the fairground

By **Hannah Kane**
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THE trial against two fairground workers whose bouncy castle flew away with a little girl inside revealed the heartbreaking thing the victim's sister said at the time.

William Thurston, 28, and Shelby Thurston, 26, appeared on Monday at Chelmsford Crown Court, jointly accused of manslaughter by gross negligence.

Seven-year-old Summer Grant was playing on the couple's inflatable dome at Harlow Town Park on March 26, 2016, when it lifted into the air and flew 300 metres down a hill.

The little girl, from Norwich, was taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital, but sadly died just hours later as a result of her injuries.

The trial entered its third week on Monday, with the defence opening its case as Shelby Thurston took to the stand.

Sobbing, she told the court how, after the bouncy castle had come to a stop, she took Sharon Stephens, Summer's grandmother, and five-year-old sister Lily to one of the caravans.

"Then Lily said something that completely broke my heart," Mrs Thurston said. "I think Summer's poorly."

Summer had gone to the funfair that day with father Lee Grant, aunt Tasha Stephens, as well as her sister and grandmother.

Together, the two girls were "playing and laughing" on the waltzers before going on the playground section, which included a small inflatable slide and the Circus SuperDome.

Meanwhile, Shelby and William Thurston had decided to deflate the larger inflatable slide as the

weather was due to deteriorate. I was aware that there was a storm due to come in during the Monday," Mrs Thurston said. "I checked the forecast.

"We decided we would close everything down early, because it had started to rain.

"It started to show signs that the weather would be changing so we started closing everything down. We had seen in the forecast that the weather was due to deteriorate at around 6pm."

She added: "If it rains then because there's quite a long descent when children come down, they pick up quite a lot of speed so when they come off the end, it can become quite dangerous."

After playing on the slide for a couple of turns, Summer then went onto the dome.

Playground

The fairground workers decided to let the two girls finish their last few minutes on the playground before they would deflate that too.

All of a sudden, the inflatable came off the ground.

Mrs Thurston said: "I screamed and I tried to grab hold of it but it wouldn't hold.

"My immediate reaction was that the slide next to it would blow away as well so I ran towards that and started undoing the zips around it to let that down.

"I remember that William had run after it and what I now know to be Summer's dad, Lee. When I got down to the bottom, the dome had already come to a stop."

Mr Thurston had opened the inflatable, which had come to rest on a fence post by nearby Pets Corner.

Mrs Thurston told the court how her husband brought out Summer, who was awake but not speaking.



She said: "William had carried her out and laid her on the floor. I remember just looking up. She was not speaking, but she was awake and responsive, her eyes were blinking.

"It was just horrible to see. William had put her in the recovery position and her dad was kneeling down by her side and I asked if anybody had called an ambulance.

"I was in so much shock, everything was a blur from there. I did not know what to believe so I just stood to one side and waited for the ambulance to arrive.

"I stayed there until the ambulance arrived and William said to go back down to where the fairground was set up. He says now that he did not want me to see what was going on. It was such a blur."

The prosecution states that the defendants failed to adequately anchor the inflatable to the ground, as well as monitor the weather conditions.

Having grown up in the industry and worked on inflatables since she was a young girl, Mrs Thurston said she knew when the weather would affect the operation of a bouncy castle.

She said: "Within our experience and knowledge of the Beaufort scale, between 19-24mph is our critical level for when we should take down the inflatable.

"We decided it would be better to cut off at the lower end rather than the 24mph.

"It would have been a decision I could have made on my own but I'm sure it was in agreement with William Senior."

The prosecution's expert witness, Doctor Richard Wild, is an esteemed weather adviser and fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society.

He previously told the jury how the gusts of wind in the area within the hour of the incident reached as high as 40mph.

"At the time of the incident, gusts of wind were in the region of 35-40mph," said Dr Wild. "Gail-force winds officially start at 39mph.

"The windiest time of the day was at the time of the incident or slightly after, during that evening."

In terms of the anchorage, Mrs Thurston told the court how 17 stakes were given to her and her father, Billy Searle, when he purchased the inflatable in 2014.

The requirement under the British Standard is 24. The trial continues

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first utterance after bouncy castle horror

The inflatable failed to meet industry standard, court told



Seven-year-old Summer Grant, from Norwich died when the inflatable she was in, blew away

'Dome took off, flew over caravans and rolled 12 to 15 times in the air'

THE bouncy castle that came loose with seven-year-old Summer Grant inside rolled up to 15 times in the air before coming to a stop 300 metres away.

Last Friday, the trial of fairground workers William Thurston, 28 and wife Shelby, 25, continued as the court heard how Summer's aunt and grandmother watched as the event unfolded.

The married couple are jointly accused of gross negligence manslaughter and failing to reduce the risks of the inflatable blowing away.

Summer went to the fairground with father Lee Grant, five-year-old sister Lily, aunt Tasha Stephens and grandmother Sharon Stephens.

After playing on the slide inflat-

able for a few minutes, Summer went onto the Circus SuperDome. Within minutes, it had lifted off the ground and went rolling backwards.

In her police statement read out to the court, Tasha Stephens described seeing the tragedy unfold. She said: "Suddenly, there was a gust of wind and the gust of wind lifted the dome up in the air.

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"It took off and flew over the caravans behind. I saw the dome begin to lift off and roll down the hill.

"It rolled around 12 to 15 times in the air.

"I was in shock, it was very quick. I saw it blow about 150 to 250 metres and it stopped in front

of some trees. By the time I got to where the dome stopped my brother Lee was already there."

Before the incident, Sharon Stephens was watching the girls "playing and laughing" on the attractions.

Suddenly, she heard Tasha and Lee scream as Lily was standing next to her.

Sharon said: "No sooner had Summer gone onto the dome it flipped over in a flash.

"I heard Tasha and Lee scream, "Summer!"

"I lost sight of it and about five or ten seconds after it had lifted. I was shocked.

"It lifted up and landed on the lorries.

"I cannot remember anymore, I was in complete and utter shock."

THE bouncy castle that flew off with a seven-year-old girl inside "did not comply with industry standards", a court heard.

On March 26, 2016, Summer Grant was visiting the funfair at Harlow Town Park with her family when the SuperDome inflatable she was playing on lifted up and flew 300 metres down a hill.

The youngster from Norwich suffered serious injuries, and died hours later in hospital.

On Wednesday last week, the court heard from two inflatable inspectors who examined the bouncy castle after the tragedy.

They identified a number of failures by the manufacturer, including a lack of anchorage points, which meant it did not meet the industry standard.

Darren Nash, specialist inspector from the HSE, told the jury how the inflatable had just 17 anchorage points on the base, when the BSI, the international standard, requirement is 24.

He added: "It would then be susceptible to lift and break away."

Another failure included user information markings not being visible when the bouncy castle, made by Just Inflatables, was in use.

Several key pieces of information were missing from the label, including the maximum and minimum air pressures it could withstand. Emergency exits were also an issue. They identified two exits at the rear of the inflatable with pieces of fabric covering the zips.

In a discussion with Just Inflatables' design manager, Guy Gerrish, in September 2017, Mr Nash made recommendations to Mr



The fairground after strong winds lifted a bouncy castle

Gerrish that there needed to be a review of the operating procedures to include information about blowers and air pressures.

The manual is not specific to the Circus SuperDome, and instead make reference to a Bungee Fun Run.

The instructions are "generic", William Thurston's defence lawyer, Charles Bott, said.

Although these are manufacturing faults, Mr Nash explained how the operator of the inflatable still has a duty to assure the safety of those using it.

He said: "There are factors and means by which a manufacturer can assist in the operator's task but that does not remove the requirement of the operator from monitoring and taking appropriate action based on the information they are taking in.

"The variables that can effect air-pressure levels are significant and therefore I do not believe they can be completely dealt with by the manufacturer."

Former inflatable inspector for Pipa, an industry body, Kenneth Lawrence also told the court how the lack of anchorage points combined with a high pressure would affect the bouncy castle.

"Dome inflatables are very dif-

ferent to ordinary bouncy castles," he said. "There are two blowers on it. One is quite high pressure and fairly low volumes which blows up the bed.

"The other gives more volume and air at a low pressure. That particular blower is controllable via the rev switch.

"The problem with a dome is it really wants to be a ball. If you put too much pressure on it it will bend up the sides of the bed which should be flat on the ground, so the operator either has to control that pressure or they can open the door and let some air out."

He described maintaining a good pressure as a "balancing act".

Mr Lawrence added: "If the blower is giving just a bit more air than it needs and there are no people going in or out, then it gets too much pressure and tries to bend up the sides of the bed.

"The anchor points are all stitched to that bed so if it curls up the sides, you can pull anchor points straight out of the ground."

The trial continues. ■ For all the latest updates straight from the courtroom, follow our live blog on our website www.essexlive.news.

Shelby and William Thurston: The charges in full

On March 26, 2016, seven-year-old Summer Grant was playing on the Circus SuperDome inflatable in Harlow when it was swept away 'some distance'.

Following the incident, she suffered serious injuries and was rushed to Princess Alexandra Hospital. The young girl, from Norwich, died a few hours later.

Two self-employed fairground employees, Shelby Thurston, 25, and her husband William, 28, are charged with manslaughter by gross

negligence and breaches of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

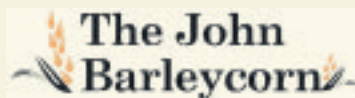
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Group calling for history not homes on ex-POW camp site

Campaigners want wartime huts to be museum instead of making way for houses

By Narbeh Minassian

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PLANS to replace a Second World War prisoner of war camp with 40 homes have met with fierce resistance.

Pelham Structures submitted a plan to Uttlesford District Council last year to develop the area of Hatfield Heath where Camp 116 is based, describing it as "a blotch on the landscape" in the application.

Almost half of the homes would have at least three bedrooms, while ten are classed as affordable.

But campaigners have formed action group History Not Homes and have launched a petition against the £8 million proposed development – with 1,185 signing in the first week.

Museum

Carpenter James Bradley, leading the campaign, said: "Once it's gone, you can't rebuild history."

"I learned so much more from museums than I did at school and this needs to be kept for future generations."

"A lot of people are interested in keeping it and turning it into a museum."

The campaigners are raising funds to potentially bankroll the site's transformation into a museum and, according to Mr Bradley, have submitted an application to earmark the site as a historical asset.

He hopes this would protect the site from redevelopment.

The plans state: "The scheme looks to redevelop an area of previously developed land within the green belt, which is a currently a blotch on the landscape, into a desirable residential development that is sensitive to its surroundings."

"As such, the application looks to where possible provide ecological, landscape and highways betterment."

"In addition, the development looks to respond directly to the need for housing in the district."



Campaigners don't want to see homes built over the site
Photos: HISTORY NOT HOMES

The 41-year-old told The Mirror last month: "The camp is in a poor condition because it has been left to decay over the years. However, it is not beyond restoration."

"I believe that it would be a great asset to the village if the camp were to become a small museum. It would provide local employment and revenue for local businesses."

The majority of the properties are designed in a Tudorbethan-style, which Pelham Structures says mirrors the style of houses it creates throughout the district.

Organic

The developer hopes to create an "organic street scene" that will "give the appearance of having evolved over the years" instead of a "characterless" modern development. It also says the plans will create ten construction jobs per year and an extra £370,000 worth of spending within local shops and services from the new residents.

Camp 116, built in 1941, was closed in 1955 but the buildings were retained and many remain intact.

An English Heritage survey rated the camp as 'near complete' in 2003.

Pelham Structures' archaeological assessment states: "The most significant impact of development will be the removal of the structures associated with the former PoW camp."



James Bradley wandering through one of the buildings

The camp initially held Italian prisoners only but later included Germans in 1943 and 1944. They were kept separate to prevent friction.

A spokesman for Uttlesford Council said last month: "As with all planning applications, this will be assessed by officers in line with national planning guidance, but any supporting or opposing correspondence will be considered as part of the

application review."

"The site is not protected by inclusion in the statutory list of buildings of historic interest and no consent is needed for its demolition."

"We note that the site has been nominated for addition to the list of Assets of Community Value by the parish council, potentially giving them a window of opportunity to purchase the land."

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Epic trek inspired by hubby's heart attack

Fundraiser cheered on by partner during charity walk

By Charlotte Page

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A FUNDRAISER from Essex visited Harlow as she walked 40 miles in 13 hours for charity after her husband suffered a heart attack on holiday.

Yvonne Feekery, 60, left her home in Saffron Walden and headed through eight towns and villages including Newport, Quendon, Ugley, Stansted, Bishop's Stortford, Spellbrook, Sawbridgeworth and Harlow.

She has raised more than £1,000 in the process for the British Heart Foundation.

"I started in Saffron Walden at 6.45am," said Yvonne. "I stopped to fill up on carbs at 20 miles near Go Outdoors, Harlow, for about half hour then did the return journey."

Stretching

"I had difficulty with my knee at 30 miles so did half an hour of stretching which allowed me to carry on and enabled me to reach home at 7.45pm. The walk took me 13 hours in total."

Yvonne, who wore a dragon costume, for the walk on Friday, April 6, and was accompanied by friends and family at various

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that need help and research that needs to be done.

A message on the BHF website reads: "Our new strategy will give us powerful focus in our fight for every heartbeat, and enable us to lead the fight against cardiovascular disease more effectively. We'll continue the fight through our pioneering heart research, vital prevention and survival activity and ensuring quality care and support for everyone living with heart disease."

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unable to walk very far afterwards as a result.

She said: "It wasn't the classic pains in the chest and down one arm - he struggled to move, had heavy hands and basically ran out of charge."

Upon his return to England six months on, Steve received triple bypass surgery which saved his life.

While Steve is Yvonne's main inspiration for completing the walk, she also wanted to celebrate

her 60th birthday by helping others who have heart problems and raise vital funds for the British Heart Foundation.

"I work with children and I have heard about young babies that have been operated on," explained Yvonne.

"We now know so many people, some close family members and children, that have had major health difficulties due to the heart, some surviving now, others sadly not."

"I am aiming to complete the task to help raise money for future research and to fund teaching for young students."

Yvonne's fundraising efforts have so far raised £1,200 for the British Heart Foundation and she added: "I need to say a massive thank you to all the wonderful people that have kindly donated."

"I am very pleased to say they have helped raise a fantastic £1,200 so far for British Heart Foundation."

"This is absolutely amazing and I am so pleased and proud of each and every one of them."

■ You can still show your support for Yvonne's walk by donating to her at: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/yvonne-40milewalkingday



Yvonne donned a dragon suit before tackling her 40-mile walk for charity

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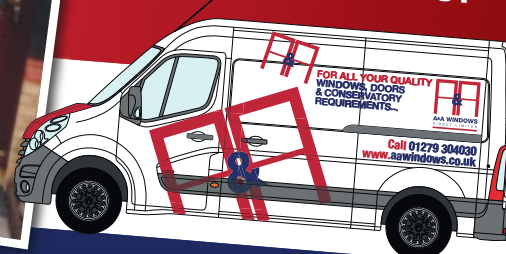
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Devoted husband and dad dies in M11 crash

Wife pays tribute to 42-year-old victim

By James Gregory

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A WIFE has paid tribute to a "devoted" husband and dad who died in a crash on the M11 last Friday (April 27).

Emergency services were called to junction 8 of the M11 near Stansted Airport at about 4.30pm with reports that a blue Ford Mondeo and a black Suzuki motorcycle had been in a collision.

Adam Squires, 42, from Bishop Stortford, died at the scene.

Mr Squires' wife, Rachael, paid tribute to him.

She said: "Adam was a devoted husband and father, with a keen interest in American football and gaming."

Friends

"He was an accomplished and well-respected professional in the field of IT and had a network of wonderful friends that appreciated his wit and sense of humour."

"He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him."

The M11 was closed in both directions following the incident, which occurred on the north-bound carriageway towards Cambridge.

A number of motorists were caught up in the queues as the emergency services tended to the



Above, the scene of the accident at the junction of the M11 and the A120. Right, Adam Squires (right) along with wife Rachael and their son

incident and the police carried out their investigations.

Essex Police are now appealing for witnesses to come forward.

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Firefighters rushed to the scene of a flat fire in Harlow



Firefighters put out blaze in flats as occupants are safely evacuated

Cause is attributed to work on a boiler

By James Gregory
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FIREFIGHTERS rushed to the scene of a flat fire in Harlow on Wednesday afternoon after residents were evacuated from the building.

The blaze happened in a first floor maisonette flat in Willowfield at around 2pm.

Firefighters from three crews arrived at the property, and reported that the fire was in the loft.

Luckily, all the residents had been evacuated before crews attended the scene, and the fire was extinguished at 3.25pm.

Accidental

The cause of the fire was accidental due to work being carried out on the boiler in one of the properties. As a result, three flats have been damaged – the flat where it started and its neighbour.

bouring property has suffered fire damage and the flat below has suffered water damage.

A spokesperson for Harlow District Council said: "We are sorry to hear about this incident and we are providing housing support to residents whose homes have been affected by the fire."

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A view of the Water Gardens



Traders have left the market

The spring sun's out and Harlow should be buzzing...

Market's glory days behind it, say stallholders

By Alasdair Hooper
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WALKING around Harlow town centre on a nice sunny day you would expect it to be bustling.

However, despite Harlow being one of Essex's major towns, the reality is that it is relatively empty.

While the Water Gardens shopping complex is very much the hub of activity, large swathes of the town centre are full of lock-ups and empty spaces.

Perhaps the most blatant indication of this is how Harlow Market has waned over the years, with a number of the traders far from happy with the current set-up.

"The town is really bad and the council is rubbish," said Pritpal, who runs an electronic stall at the market.

"They keep increasing the rent.

"We had a market manager and the council – they cut their costs,

sacked the market manager and put us over to the licencing team."

On Tuesday (April 16) there were a total of four stalls set up in the town centre as part of Harlow Market.

Pritpal blames the downturn in traders on the licencing team who have managed it since August 2016.

Problems

"If there were any problems on a particular day then the manager would say OK you don't have to pay rent for the day – he would understand," Pritpal explained.

"But now we have to pay by direct debit.

"There's nothing to promote the markets at all and there are also so many restrictions.

"People packed up and left.

"I am thinking about doing the same because business is down so much."

Pritpal, who also works at Dart-

ford Market twice a week and lives in West London, went on to explain how he now pays for two pitches instead of one as well as for parking permits.

As a result the extra financial burden is all starting to add up and, combined with the lack of flexibility brought about by a direct debit, Pritpal said he is seriously losing out on business.

"This January, February and March have been the most difficult because of the bad weather," he added.

"The council get money for nothing.

"They should be encouraging us to come more often."

Along with the direct debit, traders are also required to have a street trading licence should they wish to operate in Harlow Market.

However, Sunny – who runs a clothing stall – believes the licencing team can't possibly understand how a market works.

There are hardly any traders despite it being market day

"The licencing team took over and then they put so many conditions and rules on," he said.

"If you have never worked in a market then you will never understand a market's point of view.

Understand

"If you work in an office you will never understand.

"There's a lot of give and take we have got to do.

"There's no flexibility now.

"Since January to March I have had about 14 days off – so I have lost a month's worth of trade and I am still having to pay that direct debit."

Five years ago Harlow Market was situated in Market Square.

But its new location is in Broad Walk and Eastgate.

After revamping Market Square and relocating the traders

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but traders are struggling to make living



they were given gazebos instead to use as cover from the vagaries of the weather.

However, Market Square is now about to undergo another revamp with the area currently fenced off.

"They spent a lot of money to knock that market down.

"And four or five years later, the same thing is happening again," said Sunny.

"This part of town is forgotten – it is all about the Water Gardens. "There is no one here to understand the traders' problems.

"All they want us to do is to keep paying our direct debit and there's no one here to report to.

"We do serve a lot of the local community – some of them can't afford to go to the shops – and that's how we have lasted.

"We feel that it is going to be our

last year because it's just too expensive.

"The council need to understand they have lost so many traders in the last two years and we need to encourage people to come to the High Street."

Another trader, who wished to remain anonymous, described how falling behind on the direct debits resulted in him losing his stall.

"They used to collect the rent off of us and when you haven't got someone to collect the money it can be very easy to get behind," he said.

"Since then I have been paying it back bit by bit.

"It's a pain in the neck having to pay for that licence."

Revamping Harlow Town

centre has become one of Harlow Council's main focuses and, in December 2017, council members unanimously approved a proposal to knock down buildings at the West Gate in order to build a new complex.

Demolition work has already begun with the shopping centre set to be replaced by a total of four new buildings ranging from three to a whopping sixteen storeys high.

In terms of attracting people back to the town centre something drastic may be needed.

However, according to the traders, it is all about promotion and encouraging people into Harlow, as well as letting would-be customers know that the market is operating.

A spokesperson for Harlow Council said: "In 2016 the market

traders were moved from Market Square to the northern end of Broad Walk where there is more footfall and a greater profile than in Market Square.

"When the changes first happened we ensured that the changes would have a financial implications on traders for at least a year – waiving the licence fee and freezing the daily fees.

"The changes simply align the market traders with other street traders in Broad Walk and means each trader must have a street trading licence.

"Daily fees are annualised and collected by direct debit every month which is the same for all street traders.

"The changes were made in consultation with the market traders and meant there was no longer a need for a dedicated mar-

ket manager.

"Sadly the days of a thriving traditional market in the town centre are long gone.

"Fierce competition from main stream retailers present in the town centre, the national decline in market trading and changing consumer habits have created an environment where a full-time, regular market is hard to sustain and unfortunately cannot stay the same.

Changes

"This is why we had to make the changes.

"However we remain committed to supporting a thriving and diverse town centre offer and we have to balance our support to all commercial businesses and trades across the town.

"We have tried a number of

schemes over the years to support the market traders, including the purchase of new gazebos, providing specialist business support to traders and extending the market into Broad Walk and offering free trading periods to encourage new traders. However, the increase of deep discount retail, internet shopping and diversity amongst supermarkets have created difficult trading conditions throughout the market sector.

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Activist is fearful housing plan signals green belt 'free for all'

Homes scheme will lead to urban sprawl on an epic scale, claims campaigner

By Harriet Clugston

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NEW figures for the entire of the Harlow and Gilston Garden Town would equal seven Sawbridgeworths, a Stop Harlow North activist has said.

Spike Hughes, a parish councillor and member of Stop Harlow North, said that figures revealed last week showed that there was a "free for all" taking place on the green belt.

Figures

In the figures announced in a press release from the three authorities involved in the development, East Hertfordshire District Council, Epping Forest District Council and Harlow Borough Council said that 16,000 homes would be built by 2033, with another 7,000 planned for afterwards.

However in figures used by Stop Harlow North, EHDC and by

Stop Harlow North leader Spike Hughes



The Harlow and Gilston Garden Town could be much bigger than expected

the developer's website for Gilston Park, only 10,000 or fewer homes are mentioned.

Mr Hughes said: "Initially, those at the local meetings organised by the council will recall the excuse that Gilston was only in the plan to prevent a developer

free-for-all. This later changed to the area being chosen but only for 3,000 houses during the plan period, then it became 10,000 and now we see further number inflation if

the area outside of Hertfordshire is taken into account."

Campaigners fear that now proposals are coming together for a large new town, built predom-

ately on green land and on the greenbelt, the new development will lead to a large urban sprawl that encompasses villages in the area.

Mr Hughes said: "The reality is that once you break the protection of the green belt, it is a free-for-all."

"The developer calls it a 'Necklace of Village' and the council a Garden Town, it cannot be both, when the reality is urban sprawl on an epic scale."

Occupants

"23,000 homes with 2.5 occupants per household is equivalent to a 70 per cent increase in the size of Harlow or seven new Sawbridgeworths."

When the Garden Town plan was announced in January, 2018, it was condemned by rural groups and residents opposed to the development.

Kevin FitzGerald, honorary director of CPRE Hertfordshire, said: "If it succeeds, this plan heralds the death knell of the rural character of a swathe of Hertfordshire."

"Beautiful villages, supposedly protected by green belt, look set to be swallowed up by the urban sprawl of a neighbouring town."

The doors to Harlow's newest school are opening

Advertorial



A skills shortage in the town is set to be eased with the launch of the BMAT STEM Academy.

The new school - formerly Sir Charles Kao UTC - officially launched as it converted to the Burnt Mill Academy Trust (BMAT). Parents and young people are invited along to two open evenings to find out

more about what is on offer at the unique school and how to secure a place in Year 10 from September.

While the school continues to specialise in the science, technology, engineering and

maths (STEM) subjects it always has, an exciting new curriculum is also being introduced.

New subjects students at the school will be able to study include GCSEs in engineering, astronomy, statistics, computer science and 3D design.

The move is in response to the shortage of an appropriately skilled workforce in the area and in liaison with local industry leaders.

The school is working closely with local employers who are offering students unique opportunities to enter the world of work. State-of-the-art facilities at BMAT STEM Academy offer students high level training out of reach of the majority of secondary schools.

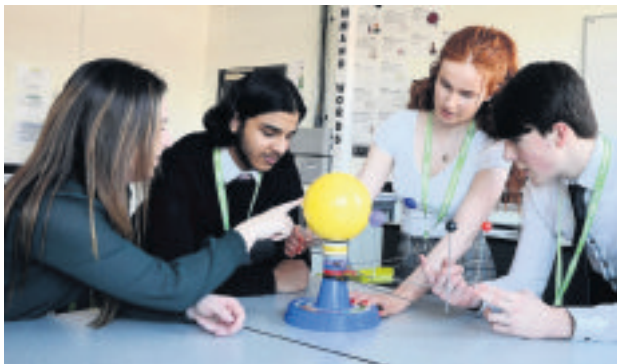
Head of school Lisa Tooley said: "There is a shortage of skills within Harlow, which we are aware of because of our partnerships with many local employers. Those partners are working closely with us to ensure we give young people the right skills

for the careers open to them in the future.

"Our message is anyone who has a real interest in these subjects and wants to develop the skillset alongside career engagement should be applying

to join BMAT STEM Academy in September."

Open evenings are being held between 6pm and 8pm on Wednesday May 9 and between 4pm and 7pm on Thursday May 17.



Harlow man fulfils his aviation dream, thanks to Manorcourt Homecare



A Harlow man is being helped to fulfil an aviation dream thanks to a team of carers.

Jonathan receives care at home from a team of professionals from the Harlow branch of Manorcourt Homecare. He began receiving care from the team in 2014 as he lives with learning difficulties and had begun to feel isolated. Through working closely with him, the team started to find ways to make daily life more enjoyable and to help him integrate better with the community.

He struggled to walk long distances and often needed a wheelchair after being out for a short while. The team therefore arranged a review of his care and now accompany him on trips so that he can get out and about in the local area.

They wanted to do something more for him and soon learned from conversations that he has a love of aeroplanes. They took it upon themselves to help him enjoy his hobby and now regularly take him to Duxford or North Weald Airfield to watch the aeroplanes and see the displays.

His newfound confidence has meant that he has started to go shopping and visit his elderly mother - something he hasn't attempted previously, without the team's support.



Anngi, Carer at Harlow branch, accompanying Jonathan on a trip to see the aeroplane displays

Manager of the Harlow branch of Manorcourt Care, Sarah Smith said "It's been so lovely to see such a change in Jonathan as our team have worked with him over the years.

"The aim of our service is to help people live in their own homes for as long as possible, but alongside this, we want to help anyone who faces any kind of physical or psychological condition by supporting them in finding ways to make life as enjoyable and fulfilling as we can.

"Jonathan is loving his trips to see the aeroplanes and our team are enjoying taking him. Our role is more than just personal or domestic care at home - our work with him shows just what an impact our team can have on people's lives."



Anngi, 'Carer of the Year' Winner pictured with Helen & Janice

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A packed line-up of entertainment as town festival celebrates 20th

Something for everyone at Bish Bash this weekend

By **Huw Wales**

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WANT to visit a festival packed with great music but worried about keeping the children entertained?

Well at Bishop's Stortford's Bish Bash this weekend, that will not be of concern as the organisers have lined up a dazzling array of acts and entertainment to keep the young ones entertained.

Anniversary

Throughout the 20th anniversary weekend children can go and meet their favourite superheroes and Disney princesses.

And if that isn't their thing they can see real magic performed in front of them.

All of the children's entertainment is being organised by the Phoenix Theatre Arts company, whose clowns and dancers will be on hand throughout the Bank Holiday weekend.

The Bishop's Stortford Music Festival – to give it its official title



Wilko Johnson

– takes place this coming Saturday and Sunday and features a

line-up of over 50 acts including headliners Wilko Johnson, The Bluetones and The Rolling Clones across three stages.

Taking place on Sworders Field in the town centre, there will also be live sets from acts such as Death of Guitar Pop, nu-wave pop from FOX, as well as Withered Hand, The Muffin Heads and Ver-taal.

Anglo-Cuban band The Swan-vesta Social Club and The Morrissey Men will also be joining the festival.

There will also be a comedy tent open on Sunday, headlined by Mary Bourke.

Activities

For the full line-up of activities at the festival's children's tent visit the website www.stortfordmusicfestival.org.uk

■ To buy tickets to the festival visit the tourist information centre or the Rose and Crown Pub on Station Road.

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Bereavements

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ALFRED CHARLES
 Passed away peacefully, after a short illness with his family at his side, at Glan Clwyd Hospital, 22nd April 2018, aged 93 years.
 Funeral to take place at 11 am, 9th May, Colwyn Bay Crematorium.
 Flowers from immediate family only, donations to Cancer Research UK.
His loving Wife Anne Goodey, Daughter Caroline, Son-in-law Derek Barker and all the Family.



Muriel BAILEY 'Mooney'
 Passed away peacefully at Hatherley Care Home on Monday 23rd April aged 98 years.
 Funeral Service to be held at Cam Valley Crematorium, Great Chesterford on Tuesday 15th May 2018 at 2.00pm.
 Family flowers only please but donations if desired may be made payable to 'Hatherley House Residents Amenities Fund' and sent c/o Peasgood & Skeates, Shire Hill, Saffron Walden, CB11 3AQ or via Muriel's In Memory Page at www.peasgoodandskeates.co.uk.

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Eric BRADBURY

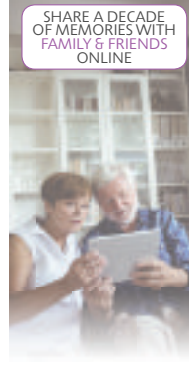
Sadly passed away on 11th April 2018.
 Funeral Service to be held at Little Easton Church on, Monday 14th May at 3.00 pm
 Followed by a private committal.
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Bereavements

Margaret BREAREY (Peggy)
 Treasured memories of our Dear Mum and Nan who sadly passed away April 20th 2018 aged 94.
 Much loved by her family and who will be greatly missed. Funeral to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium Friday May 11th 2018 12:15pm.
Melvin, Lucy, Jacqueline and Christopher
 xxxxx



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Vera CHARLES

Passed away peacefully on 26th April 2018 aged 92 years.
 Much loved Mum, Nan and Grandma. She will be greatly missed by all her family.
 The funeral service will take place on Monday 14th May 2018 at Parndon Wood Crematorium at 10:45am.
 Flowers may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP.
 Tel: 01279 426990

Mary May DEAR

Sadly passed away on Sunday 15th April 2018, aged 95 years.
 Loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.
 Reunited with husband Sonny & eldest son Alan.
 Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 8th May 2018 at 12.15pm.
 Family flowers only please. Donations if desired made payable to "Dementia UK" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson and Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

Marjorie Rose GIBSON 'Marjie'

Peacefully Passed away on 14th April 2018 aged 96 years. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
 The Funeral service will take place at St Cecilia's Church Lt Hadham on Thursday 10th May at 11.30am. Flowers welcome or Donations to "RNIB" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford. CM23 3AL or via web In Memory Page www.drobinson.co.uk

GRACE HARDISTY

Passed away peacefully on 17th April. She will be sadly missed by all her family. Funeral service to be held at Chelmsford Crematorium (North Chapel) on Wednesday 16th May at 1.00pm.
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Bereavements

Derek HONOUR

Passed away peacefully on Wednesday 25th April 2018, aged 91 years.
 A dearly loved Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend who will be sadly missed.
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Cdr Bryan Garnet SMALLEY RD DL RN

Peacefully passed away on 18th April 2018 aged 86 years. He will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at St Andrews Church, Much Hadham on Thursday 17th May at 1.30pm.
 Family flowers or donations to "Much Hadham PCC" or "St Elizabeths" may be sent c/o Daniel Robinson & Sons, 79/81 South Street, Bishops Stortford, CM23 3AL or via web In Memory Page www.drobinson.co.uk

Barbara Frances SOUTER

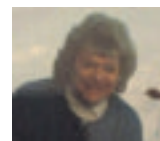
Sadly passed away on Friday 20th April 2018, aged 95 years.
 Beloved Mother, Grandmother & Great Grandmother.
 Reunited together again with her Husband Gordon.
 She will be dearly missed by all her family and friends.
 Funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday 10th May 2018, at 1.45pm.
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Bereavements



John WILKINSON

Sadly passed away on
16th April 2018
aged 87 Years.

Beloved Husband to Ann.
John will be greatly missed by all his
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Funeral Service will be held at
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YOUR VIEWS

Potholes are part of legacy left by cuts

ANYONE with recent experience of Harlow's roads will have encountered one of the effects of the current Conservative government's policy of austerity: potholes.

Potholes that are there because of the public spending cuts for which Conservative Members of Parliament such as Robert Halfon have voted.

However, potholes are, so to speak, the tip of the iceberg. Public spending cuts, privatisation, and economic decline in Britain are harming the physical and mental well-being of its inhabitants, and damaging its social structure, its cultural life, its physical infrastructure.

Working class people in Britain on average have more ill health and die earlier than the wealthy. Average life expectancy continues to increase steadily in other industrialised countries, but in Britain that increase has stalled, and for some segments of the population it has gone into reverse.

A recent report by the National Office for Statistics has revealed that girls born in the Middlehaven area of Middlesbrough can expect only 47.6 years of healthy life, while those in the Blackheath and Wonerish area of Waverly in Surrey can expect 83.0 years of healthy life: a difference of 35 years.

I consider the reality represented by these statistics to be an absolute disgrace, and I am pleased to note that at the next General Election the people of Harlow will have the opportunity to choose a Member of Parliament who is passionately committed to

“
A vote for Laura McAlpine will be a vote for rejecting the misery
”
John Wake

changing that reality. A Member of Parliament who will work to reverse the destruction wreaked upon this country by Tory governments and their fat cat friends.

Laura McAlpine is an articulate and ardent advocate of the interests of ordinary people who has been adopted by Harlow Labour Party as its Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. A vote for Laura McAlpine will be a vote for rejecting the misery, injustice, and despair sown by the likes of Robert Halfon; it will be a vote in favour of prosperity, justice, and social solidarity.

John Wake
By email

Thanks from the delivering Dame

AFTER working on the maternity unit at PAH for 50 years, I would like to thank all of my colleagues who became friends over the years for the wonderful retirement party given to Margaret, Mary, Babs and myself.

The lovely gifts, cards and kind words – I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you to

Jackie, Jo, Debs, Lorraine and sweet Sharon for your hard work in making it a complete success. To Jaqui Featherstone for her kind words, a special mention for Alison Steele for her understanding, Alison Clubb for continued support over the years and past members of staff for taking time to travel some long distances to make it a very special evening.

A very big thanks to all the lovely mums and dads who made my job such a pleasure, it was a privilege to have met you all and we certainly had some fun didn't we? The hairbrush will be passed on, you all know what that means! To all the young people who will carry on the outstanding care given by staff I would like to pass on a little advice given to me all those years ago. Whatever task you carry out do it with a kind heart and remember behind every face there is a story.

I am leaving kicking and screaming but looking forward to the next chapter of my life. Good health, be happy and love as always.

Lily Ashcroft (known by friends as Dame Lily)
By email

Who will look after the ditch?

IN response to the article (Neighbours fear huge ditch, Star, Thursday, April 26) I totally agree with all that was said, but would add that already children are playing pooh sticks and the ditch will soon be blocked up.

Will someone be around to empty the rubbish that will eventually cease the flow of

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PHOTO
of the week

Horse eye view, taken along Katherines Way Road, Harlow by Robb Delaney

water?

This has already happened further up the stream just past the doctors surgery, fences etc have already been deposited, but getting back to the Little Cattins chasm, this would have been an ideal opportunity to level the ground and grass seed it.

Instead we have been left with an even more uneven tract, 30 trees that have been cut down to the stump will never grow back. The trees alongside the school are getting out of control and I and my neighbours fear that this area will be an even worse eyesore in the future.

Coupled with this, the site is now giving off a stench, so apart from the potholes we are now assailed from a different angle which is downgrading an area that used to be called Nob Hill, thanks council.

R Kendle
Little Cattins

WEBCHAT

■ IF YOU DRIVE WITH SUNGLASSES ON IN THE HEATWAVE YOU COULD BE FINED £2,500:

I get all the jokes being made but its the same for motorcyclists helmets and front window screens where they can be more than a certain percentage but this is primarily a risk during night driving. No

one should be surprised by this.

If an officer suspects in an incident that the screen/helmet visor/sun glasses are too dark and a contributing factor to your driving then you will be fined.

Peter Moulds

And what about prescription glasses that

turn dark in sunlight?
Sheila Palmer

Well I heard some stories from the UK but this one beats them all.
Pauline Quant

Now I've heard it all.
Samantha Louise Wright

■ FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

ANNOUNCED FOR 'MUCH-LOVED' HARLOW HOMELESS VETERAN WHO LIVED IN TESCO CAR PARK:

The government needs to step up and look after our own first there are so many English homeless people out on the street so wrong grrrrr.

Jo Swaep

■ WE WENT INSIDE ONE OF THE FINAL TOYS R US TO CLOSE IN ESSEX:

Sad pity people didn't shop there it would still be open.
Richard Porter

Went Harlow one today..its so sad seeing it like this.
Shelley Menzies

Sad. **Jeanie Caroline**

The hot topics our readers have been discussing online this week

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'This is what the privatisation of our health service really looks like'

THE BIG QUESTION:

Is our area able to cope if the pressure on our local health services continues to rise, while the number of health professionals doesn't?

LABOUR



Maggie Hulcoop

THE timing of this question could not be better and the short answer is "no, absolutely not."

Just this week, the GP surgery that I have been going to my entire life, Osler House in Potter Street where I live and am a Labour councillor, closed.

As a result, nearly 3,500 registered patients – many

frail and elderly – have been "dispersed" to surgeries in Church Langley, Bush Fair and Staple Tye where they are expected to travel by bus, even though there are no direct services.

Since I learned of this decision, I have been fighting tooth and nail with my fellow Labour councillors, resident groups and the Osler House Patients Feedback Group for a reversal of this decision or for an alternative arrangement to be made in Potter Street, but to no avail. People need to know the real story behind Osler House and to understand what is set to happen to other GP surgeries in Harlow under the Tories.

The simple truth is that Osler House was not "profitable" and under this Conservative government, GP practices must make a profit or they will close, regardless of the vital role

they're playing in the community and the thousands of sick and vulnerable people under their care.

Last year, Osler House lost £120,000 of central government funding. Consequently it was no longer profitable.

This is what privatisation of our health service looks like in practice and it's happening the length and breadth of the country.

And for our MP, Robert Halfon to publicly "raise concerns" and to give the impression that he is against this decision is disingenuous at best, when it has been widely noted that it is the policies of his government that have led to this decision.

More positively, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the hardworking Osler House staff who have cared for the Potter Street community these past 60 years.



Will waiting times in surrounding GP surgeries increase with the closure of Osler House?

UKIP



Mark Gough

THE majority of the increase in pressure on our health services is from two main sources – firstly the improvement in healthcare that creates the good news that we are now living longer, the second the increasing population brought about by the increase in immigration.

We have seen recently the impending closure of Osler House surgery in Potter Street, which will reduce the number of GPs in Harlow and will increase pressure on other surgeries if patients have to be registered elsewhere. This should not be a political issue – it's a community issue where those of all parties and none, should come together, work together and get this decision overturned for the good of our town. We should be looking to get more GPs trained, more practices opened and reduce the number of patients on GPs lists so waiting times for appointments comes down. Community pharmacies also have a larger role to play by doing simple diagnoses and diagnostic procedures.

The problem locally is we have a hospital trying to

one of those deals needs its terms renegotiated. That together with the reduced budgets in social care meaning we can't get patients out of hospital and back into their homes. I'm incredibly proud that for the last two General Elections UKIP have pledged more for the NHS, social care and mental health care than any other party.

But the biggest issue for the NHS is staffing levels. Until recently the two old parties supported a cap of 7,500 nurse and medical training places. The Government has recently raised those to 10,000. But in both cases we have estimated shortfalls of 100,000. We can't wait ten years to fix this. That also takes no account of retirements or those who wish to leave. UKIP would scrap these targets and work to increase both sets of training numbers. Hospitals should all be training establishments, GPs should be encouraged to take on trainee registrars, and more universities should have medical schools. UKIP would also scrap tuition fees for these key courses.

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YOUR EDUCATION NEWS

A marathon effort from school staff in big race

SHAWKI Bakkar, assistant head teacher at Burnt Mill Academy in Harlow, was inspired to lose weight and get fit for the mammoth task of running the London marathon.

He weighed 24 stone and could not run for 30 seconds when he decided a year ago to rise to the challenge.

He completed the run in six hours and 56 minutes, raising money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

He said: "What a day. It was absolutely amazing. I can't believe I've done it, I can't believe it's happened.

"I could not have done it without all those who have supported me and came to London. It was immense.

"Every corner I turned, there was someone standing there. I was so lucky. If you were there, thank you so much, you really got me through."

Allan Osborne, executive principal and head of the west Essex hub of schools within BMAT, took on the marathon for the second time, having first completed it in 2012.

He finished in five hours and 20 minutes, raising



Allan Osborne, executive principal and head of the BMAT west Essex hub



Shawki Bakkar, assistant head teacher at Burnt Mill Academy in Harlow



Debbie Round, subject lead for maths at Forest Hall School in Stansted

money for the Crisis homeless charity.

He said: "This was the best achievement of my life – it was just the most wonderful experience.

"The public and runners were amazing.

"The support from the crowds on the day and from the whole BMAT family felt really special.

"I persevered through the cramp and blisters early on and fought through the heat.

"I just kept reminding myself of the reason I was

running – to help eradicate homelessness.

"This experience taught me that we all must run our own races in life and that literally anything is possible."

For Debbie Round, subject lead for maths at Forest Hall School in Stansted, the marathon came after she once ran four marathons in one year.

This year, she was fundraising for The Children's Society and completed the course in five

hours and 46 minutes.

She said: "I'm so proud of myself, Shawki and Allan for completing the hottest London Marathon in history.

"With the heat being as it was, all hopes for PBs were out the window and the main aim was to get around safely and enjoy it.

"The crowd were amazing. Marathon day is when London really comes to life and the support we received from friends, family and total strangers blew me away.

Coming over Tower Bridge

was the big highlight for me. I definitely had a tear or two in my eye.

"As you approach the finish, there is a huge sign which says 800m to go – that was the longest 800m I think I've ever run. Coming around the corner and seeing the finish line was something I'll never forget.

"So proud and full of admiration for everyone who ran that day. It was tough, but no one said a marathon was easy.

"Bring on London 2019."

Masuma's design for boyband star proves to be a hit with judges

HARLOW College Fashion student Masuma Amanat, 18, from Harlow, has scooped second prize in a prestigious national competition, where her inspirational clothing designs, tailored exclusively for Korean boy band singer and pop idol Kim Taehyung, wowed the judges.

The annual student design competition is run by Wool4School and encourages budding fashion designers to show England what they're made of.

Open to all school students in sixth form or equivalent throughout England, the Wool4School competition invites students to design an outfit for their favourite musician to wear on stage, using a minimum 80% Australian Merino wool.

The outfit must contain a minimum of one piece with a maximum of four pieces,

and in addition also include a wool accessory.

Choosing Kim as her model, Masuma designed a four-piece outfit.

It included skinny, fitted jeans, a shirt with bishop sleeve, picked out with cherry blossom embroidery and a black Melton wool waistcoat.

For the accessory, Masuma designed a crinkle collar with ruffled pleats.

"I wanted my designs to reflect Kim's personality and sense of style," said Masuma.

"I included the cherry blossom design in the sleeve because, in Chinese and Korean culture, the cherry blossom represents the spiritual and artistic side.

"I was so thrilled to be awarded second place in this competition.

"My parents are really proud of me.

"They are from Pakistan



Harlow College fashion student Masuma Amanat

and one of the main things about Pakistani culture is the printmaking and the details in the garments.

"I want to design clothes for the modern Pakistani woman that reflect the culture but are also trendy and fashionable.

"I'm going to Colchester University to study Fashion and Textiles so hopefully I will be able to create many of those designs for my project work."

Shelley Clarke, head of

fashion at Harlow College, said: "Masuma was totally committed and worked to a really high standard to produce an innovative and diverse range of designs.

"We are very proud of Masuma's achievements and are confident she will be successful when she studies for her degree.

"As well as Masuma's second place, we also had five finalists in the top 20, which is an awesome achievement."

Students get help with memory techniques as GCSE exams loom large

YEAR 10 and 11 students at Burnt Mill Academy in Harlow are pulling out the stops to ensure they give GCSE exams their best shot.

With just a couple of weeks until the exams begin, the school welcomed in Positively Making A Difference (MAD) to help students to cope with the pressured times ahead.

Actress Emily Wood taught the students techniques to improve their memory and to aid their revision and shared information with Year 11 mums and dads at parents' evening.

She said: "We use accelerated learning to lift information they are given in text or study guides off the page using techniques. I use their imaginations to get them thinking differently.

"They do not use pens and paper in the workshop – instead, I teach them how to remember information by using both sides of their brains and understanding how their brains work.

"The techniques – which focus on colour, breathing,

NLP and mind maps – will go with them on to college and into their working lives and give them the confidence to go for what they want in life."

Students were stunned as she challenged them to remember 150 facts about boxer Muhammad Ali in less than ten minutes.

Using her visualisation techniques, students were able to recall his life story within minutes of hearing it – and had retained the information when asked again an hour later.

Gareth Myatt, head of Year 11, said: "Positively MAD have come in to help students to overcome exam fears and stresses by arming them with practical ideas and tactics they can use in preparation for their exams.

"At this time of year, students become stressed and a little panicky. This is about reducing that and enabling them to get the best out of their exams."

The opportunity was brought to Burnt Mill free of charge by Make It Happen.

Skipping lessons? No – it's all about raising awareness and getting active

THE schools within the Burnt Mill Academy Trust (BMAT) in the town were set the challenge of skipping 500,000 skips during a charity event.

Throughout the day, a total of 505,251 skips were completed at Burnt Mill Academy, Roydon Primary Academy, Little Parndon Primary Academy, Cooks Spinney Primary Academy and Freshwaters Primary Academy.

Phil Dawes, director of PE and sport for BMAT, said: "We set various challenges to students, such as how many skips could they do in one minute and the quickest to do 100 skips."

"We also incorporated skipping into the usual PE lessons, skipping as our warm-up routine."

"Our challenge tied in with Sport Relief. It wasn't about fundraising, but getting their attention onto Sport Relief and encouraging them to get involved and get active."

"Skipping is great exercise and is good for co-ordination and stamina, as well as hand

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and foot speed.

"Boxers do lots of skipping as part of their training because of its various benefits."

"Next time, we'll smash a million skips."

The breakdown of skips: Roydon 31,873; Little Parndon 267,937; Cooks Spinney 72,159; Freshwaters 22,394; Little Parndon (skipping in the forest) 11,040; Burnt Mill KS3 (lesson warm-ups) 44,674; Burnt Mill Year 9 Sports Leaders 41,260; Burnt Mill break and lunchtime challenges; 10,524; Burnt Mill fitness 1,469; Burnt Mill PE staff 1,921.

The grand total was 505,251 skips.



Cooks Spinney students during the charity skipping challenge

College students pitch their ideas to TV architect

HARLOW College Construction students, taking part in a design competition pitched their ideas to TV presenter and renowned architect George Clarke, famous for his Channel 4 series The Restoration Man and Amazing Spaces.

George was visiting Harlow College as part of the judging panel to choose winning designs for his recently launched Mobie (Ministry of Building, Innovation and Education) Design Challenge, where groups of students from schools and colleges across the UK were invited to submit ideas for a homes of the future national design competition.

Gerry Ruffles, head of Mobie education, who has been working closely with the students over the past few months, said of the students: "I've been really impressed, not just by the work they've been doing but by their motivation and enthusiasm."

"They've come up with some really creative and

wacky ideas."

Mobie was launched in May 2017 primarily to help create new ways of thinking around designing and building homes for the future.

"What we're looking for is a bit of inventiveness when it comes to thinking about the future of homes" George commented.

"For me, more than anything, it's about thinking differently."

"Most houses are built in a fairly conventional way and Mobie's been set up to do something different to that."

"Three attributes that a good young designer should have are passion, inspiration and naivety."

"The beautiful thing about being a little bit naive is that you have more of an enquiring mind and you ask more questions."

After much deliberation, two groups were chosen to go through to the national final at MTC (Manufacturing and Technology Centre) in Coventry, where they were up against teams from

Sheffield, Nottingham, Hartlepool and Middlesbrough, pitching their designs to a packed auditorium of over 250 industry professionals.

Harlow College narrowly missed out on the top prize, finishing a close second to Nottingham.

Charlie, a Year 1 Construction student and a member of one of the winning groups, said: "We're really glad we put the hard work in – it was a real group effort."

"We're so excited that we've made it through to the final."

Mark Strange, assistant academy manager for Construction, said: "George's visit was an amazing experience for both staff and students."

"It was great to be able to take advice from someone who is at the top of their profession and I know George was impressed with how the students presented themselves and put their ideas across."

"The college will be



George Clarke has launched the Ministry of Building, Innovation and Education Design Challenge

running an HNC in Future Homes Design in September, and George and his team have had a significant input into the design of the course.

"We're really excited to be offering this amazing

opportunity for young home designers of the future."

George said of his time at the college: "The day was a massive success."

"The two groups that we chose to go through to the final were outstanding –

much beyond the level that I thought they would be."

"That's what we're looking for with Mobie – people who are competent in all areas, whether it be good design or good technical ability."

YOUR YESTERYEAR

Shopping centre that battled to get built

SINCE the development for Harlow New Town began in 1947, the landscape has seen significant changes as houses, shops and industry have replaced fields and woodland while the battle remained to keep our green spaces protected, *writes Ryan Karolak.*

The site for The High, in the town centre, had itself a small forest plantation along the western area with fields running along the east, but even in these early days the plan for a multi-purpose shopping centre with both interior and exterior stalls was being devised by the Harlow Development Corporation.

The corporation was headed up by the likes of Frederick Gibberd (town planner for Harlow) and Ben Hyde Harvey (general manager 1955-1973) and the scheme was intended to fully come to fruition after the passing of the corporation onto Harlow District Council in the 1970s.

In "Harlow: The Story of a New Town" Gibberd, Harvey and Andrew Bardsley (the general manager from 1973 to 1980) talk at length about the centre's development which reflects the town's evolution over the past 70 years.

Shopping surveys showed that Harlow was attracting a growing trade from the surrounding area.

It became apparent that whether or not town expansion took place, the land available would not be sufficient to accommodate all the required shopping space, its ancillary service roads and car parking.

Little Walk, Broad Walk, Cross Street and the Market Square had been accommodating the needs of the people of Harlow, alongside the small neighbourhood cluster shops. But something that became clear to the Corporation throughout this time was that Harlow was

becoming a hub for shopping, services and performance; with the development of cinema services and sport facilities in the 1960s and the revision to the Master Plan adding another 20,000 proposed residents to future property developments in Harlow.

Although work started in 1979, the Corporation came up against many problems that delayed construction from its original 1976 start date.

One factor was the balance of service roads and pedestrianisation in the centre which faced public criticism from the "Friends of the Earth" who were campaigning for a cycleway through the town centre and the Harlow Playhouse Supporters Club which printed leaflets stating: "At enormous expense! By public demand? Coming shortly? The Dead Centre of Harlow Produced by the Harlow Development Corporation From designs by Sir Frederick Gibberd".

Their petition alongside St Paul's Church's opposition, led to a public inquiry which took place in August 1977. Once the concerns had been addressed by May 1978, Gibberd and the Corporation could continue with their plan for the Harvey Centre.

The centre would take influences from American shopping malls with a fully enclosed space with air conditioning throughout the space.

Gibberd's design for the centre was one for simplicity, making sure that it stood out amongst the rest and, in turn, wasn't an assault on the eyes to shoppers.

The objective for Harvey Centre was to provide a cool and elegant background, leaving it to the shop fronts and their interiors to provide the visual excitement. Very few materials but of the highest quality are used, such as marble contrasted by



Inside the shopping centre looking from the ground floor west to east 35 years ago, in 1983.



Looking from the first floor east to west in 1983. The sculpture Solo Flight within the fountain is present



Unveiling the plaque to launch the construction of the Harvey Centre with Ben Hyde Harvey and Frederick Gibberd present in 1979

stainless steel and glass, decoration being focused on sculpture and plants.

As someone who grew up in the 1990s, I very much remember the past look of the Harvey Centre with its light colours in situ seating and Solo Flight sitting atop the water fountain with the occasional penny being

flicked into the water.

Out of the thousands of photos within the collection at Harlow Museum, the one here showcasing the Harvey Centre from the first floor with Solo Flight is my favourite – the colours are bold with a wide range of shops present and Solo Flight framing it all together.



Development Corporation chairman Bernard Perkins speaking at the launch of the Harvey Centre

It feels like a true snapshot into the history of Harlow and a photo I like to show people whenever I get the chance.

If you maybe wondering where Solo Flight is these days, it's not too far from us at Harlow Museum on First Avenue across from St Mary of Latton Church.

If you find yourself wondering by, come along to the museum and find out more about the changing face of our town centre.

■ Today's piece was written with excerpts from the book, "Harlow The Story of a New Town", which is available to purchase from Harlow Museum.

YOUR CHARITY NEWS

Open Gardens flower power to boost St Clare hospice funds

MORE than 30 venues will be opening their gates to the public in aid of St Clare Hospice during their 24th annual Open Gardens event.

New for 2018, the perennially popular horticultural event will take place across the summer season, from May through to July, rather than over a single weekend. This means that green-fingered fans of the event will have even longer to explore the dozens of gardens that will be opening for the hospice charity.

Starting in May and continuing throughout the summer season, lovers of flora and fauna will be able to explore some of the best kept green spaces in the hospice's catchment area, from the villages of Thornwood and Epping Upland to the gardens and allotment spaces of Harlow.

Open Gardens event organisers are hoping to raise more than £5,000 for the Hospice across the summer season.

St Clare Patron and BBC One Show gardener, Christine Walkden, will once again be supporting the fundraising campaign and will be attending one of the Open Gardens events held at Goosebury Hall in Epping Upland on Sunday, May 27.

Christine Walkden said: "I am delighted to be

supporting St Clare's 24th annual Open Gardens event and to be welcoming members of the public to Michael Chapman's stunning garden at Goosebury Hall in Epping Upland. One of the things our patients tell us again and again is how much they appreciate having access to our beautifully maintained grounds, so it is wonderful to host an event which shares so many glorious gardens with our community.

"I would encourage everyone with a passion for beautiful gardens to take part and visit the magnificent gardens of the St Clare catchment area."

The 2018 St Clare Open Gardens event is being held on various weekends starting on Saturday May 19, and continuing until Sunday July 1, at venues around Harlow, Thornwood and Epping.

Christine Walkden will be attending the opening of the Goosebury Hall garden from 10 till 11am on Sunday May 27, at Goosebury Hall, Epping Upland.

Entry to participating gardens is payable on the gate and entry costs from £3 per garden, or group of gardens.

Tea, cakes and lunches are available in many of the gardens.

A free guidebook which



Christine Walkden, BBC gardener and St Clare patron, with Open Gardens organiser Dani

includes details of each of the participating gardens or groups of gardens, and the cost of entry, can be picked

up in any of the eight St Clare Hospice charity shops, or at the Hospice Reception.

For more information call

Dani on 01279 773738 or email dani@stclarehospice.org.uk

For a full list of the

participating gardens and their opening dates, visit: www.stclarehospice.org.uk/events

May Day Fayre will help Mutts in Distress

MUTTS in Distress charity in Little Hallingbury is to benefit from a fundraising May Day Fayre which is taking place at Leaden Roding Village Hall on Bank Holiday Monday, May 7, from 10am until 3pm.

The event will include a plant sale, cakes, raffle, tombola, barbecue, face painting, pet photo competition, new and nearly new stall, homemade dog and cat treats made by Ann Eve of Eve's Dog Catering as well as various games and other activities.

The event, organised by Keely Robinson, a Leaden Roding resident, supporter and voluntary fundraiser for Mutts in Distress said: "I have always had a love for

animals and grew up with dogs. I had previously supported The Dogs Trust but when someone told me about "Mutts" I thought that it would be really lovely to support a more local charity.

"I first became involved with Mutts in Distress about four years ago and I was so impressed and moved by the incredible work they do that I wanted to do more to help.

"Mutts in Distress do not turn away a sick or injured dog and instead get veterinary help regardless of the costs. They have helped dogs with completely deformed legs by paying to have them straightened and then helping them find loving homes."

She went on: "Another

example of the fantastic work they have done is when Mutts helped a little Jack Russell who was blind and had been passed around various rescue centres.

The dog arrived at Mutts and Pat Clark the founder of Mutts in Distress consulted the vet who said that the dog's sight could be restored. The money was raised and the little dog was treated and his sight restored.

"They have since helped restore the sight of several dogs.

"I started writing an article in our quarterly village magazine requesting donations of old duvets, towels, food and various other bits which people were just going to throw out,

using our house as a drop off point. The response was fantastic. I got involved with helping them obtain a well deserved grant but it still wasn't enough and I decided that I wanted to organise a fundraising event which as well as making money for them, would raise awareness of who they are.

"Last year's May Day Fayre was very successful and raised just over £1,700. This year we have increased the number of stalls and we have something for all ages. Local businesses have been very generous donating raffle prizes".

For more information about Mutts in Distress, visit their website at www.mutts-in-distress.org.uk



Pat Clark with Keely Robinson and Benji dogs

YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS

Nurse Kelly is a star and she now has the award to prove it

A NURSE working for a healthcare company in Harlow has become one of the first winners of a Cavell Star Award.

Kelly Griffin, a nurse and regional operations manager with LloydsPharmacy Clinical Homecare cares for patients throughout the South East of England.

Kelly's nursing team was keen to nominate her for a Cavell Star Award as she often goes above and beyond for her colleagues. Recently, one of Kelly's nursing team had to deal with a close family member suffering a stroke. A hugely upsetting experience for her colleague but Kelly is supporting her team mate through this tough time.

Nursing charity Cavell Nurses' Trust recently launched the Cavell Star Awards, in partnership with LloydsPharmacy Clinical

Homecare. Nominations are being sought from nursing teams throughout the UK for a special team mate who has shown exceptional care for either their colleagues or their patients and patients' families. Each Cavell Star Award winner receives a medal, presentation case and pin badge, as well as an invitation to attend the special Care and Cake Garden Party in June, a celebration of the nation's nursing professionals.

So how did Kelly feel about getting the award? She said: "I think 'proud' is the number one word for me. I've always been proud to say I'm a nurse. When I meet new people and they ask what I do, I always say that I'm a nurse before I say I'm a regional operations manager. I feel so proud to win a Cavell Star Award. Thank you to my team for



From left, Gabrielle Silver, general manager of LloydsPharmacy Clinical Homecare (LPCH), Kelly Griffin, regional operations manager South East LPCH and Cavell Star Award winner and Sarah Rickels, head of nursing, LPCH

nominating me."

The Cavell Star Awards are in partnership with LloydsPharmacy Clinical Homecare and sponsored by Next, Unison, NHS Improvement, National Garden Scheme, Health Education England, NHS Professionals, Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps, Alexandra, British Journal of Nursing, The Embassy of Belgium in the UK and Thornbury

Nursing Services and Scottish Nursing Guild.

Cavell Nurses' Trust is the charity that supports UK nurses, midwives and HCAs, both working and retired, when they're suffering personal or financial hardship often due to illness, disability, older age and domestic abuse. In 2017, the charity received more than 2,200 calls for help.

John Orchard, chief executive at Cavell Nurses'

Trust, said: "Thank you to our partner and wonderful sponsors for making the Cavell Star Awards happen."

"We know there are nursing professionals up and down the country who show exceptional care every day, often in very difficult circumstances and sometimes when their own life is falling apart. You can say a big 'thank you' to your colleagues by giving them a Cavell Star Award."

Mr Orchard added: "Cavell Nurses' Trust is here for nurses when they need help, so we are really excited to be launching the Cavell Star Awards as a morale boost for nursing teams working extremely hard in very challenging situations."

Healthcare professionals wishing to nominate a nurse, midwife or HCA for a Cavell Star Award can find out more at www.cavellstarawards.org

Harlow

■ **QUIZ NIGHT:** Harlow Young Labour, wants a garden in the dementia ward at Princess Alexandra Hospital, so it is organising a charity bingo night on May 11 at 7.30pm, in the Greyhound Pub.

It is £5 per person for the night and all money raised will go to The Dementia Ward at PAH.

Prizes donated from local businesses are a psychic reading worth £42, from the Mystery Chest in Bush Fair.

A tattoo worth £30 is being donated by Sammuels at Custom Ink in The Town and a shotgun piercing worth £10, from Sue at Custom Ink.

There will be other prizes on the night and it is promised to be fun.

The charity evening will be

hosted by local comedian Clare Harrison McCartney and youth representative Shannon, as well as many others who represent Harlow Young Labour.

Please come along for a laugh and to help raise money for PAH.

Royston

■ **YOUTH FC:** Royston Town Youth FC is hosting its annual Managers Vs Managers match on Saturday, May 19 at Royston Town Football Club, Garden Walk, Royston.

Kick off is at 2pm. Entry £2 per adult, £1 per child. There will be a barbecue and bar, fun amusements for all the children, ice cream van and much more.

Sandon

■ **GREEN FINGERS:** Sandon Gardeners' Club meets every second Monday of the month at Sandon Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you have an interest in gardening, go along and join. New members are always welcome.

Contact chairman John Handley at: johnhandley5@btinternet.com for more information.

Sawbridgeworth

■ **MORRIS MEET:** Fiddlers' Brook Morris meet every Tuesday at 8pm at Allens Green Village Hall near Sawbridgeworth.

Newcomers are welcome to go along and give it a try for fun, exercise and friendship and to help keep a tradition going? Musicians also welcome. Call 01279 723707 or email neilandgillmunro@aol.com or see their Facebook page.

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Standon

■ **TEEN DANCE:** DDMIX (Diverse Dance Mix) dance fitness classes are held every Wednesday at Standon Village Hall for teenagers between 5.45 and 6.30pm, term time. No dance experience is required, just lots of enthusiasm and a pair of trainers. It costs £5, which can be paid on the door each week. Call Julie on 07971 699615 or visit: dancejamacademy.co.uk for more details.

■ **FIT FOR ALL:** Pure Stretch releases muscular tension, develops core strength, and reduces mental and physical fatigue. It is suitable for everyone, easy to follow, sociable and light-hearted.

Call Denise, your local fitness instructor, for times and classes on 01920 823072 or 07703 277862.

■ **CREATIVE LITTLE ONES:** Art, craft and messy play classes are held for under fives. The sessions are held on Wednesdays between 1pm and 1.45pm at Standon Village Hall. Go along and have some creative fun with your little one.

Email Becky to book a free trial at: artexplorers1@gmail.com or visit: www.artexplorers.co.uk for more information.

■ **MUSICIANS AND MOVERS:** Put a jingle in your step and become a morris dancer. Have a bash at Cotswold dance traditions with Standon Morris at practice sessions on Thursday evenings. The mixed side welcomes anyone from aged 10 upwards. No

experience necessary, and it is free.

The group gathers from about 8pm onwards in The Star before heading down to Standon Village Hall at 8.30pm. Musicians are also needed to play.

To find out more, call Catherine on 07808 969379 or send an email to: standon.morris@gmail.com

YOUR NEWS

■ We compile our Community News pages two weeks in advance of publication. If you'd like to include a future event please make sure you tell us in plenty of time so our readers can come along.

Hospital embraces campaign to get patients active and out of their PJs



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Professor Nancy Fontaine (standing, centre) with staff at The Princess Alexandra Hospital at the launch of the #endpjparalysis 70-day challenge launch

PRINCESS Alexandra Hospital in Harlow is saying 'yes' to a challenge set by the NHS in its anniversary year – to get patients out of pyjamas and active as an aid to recovery.

Staff will be counting down the days to the NHS birthday in June by making individual pledges to "support the #endpjparalysis 70-day challenge"; to get the message across, they marked the launch of their campaign

by donning their own pyjamas to raise awareness among patients and families.

In its 70th birthday year the NHS has set a 70-day challenge as part of its drive to end 'pyjama paralysis' and give patients back one million days of their precious time that would otherwise be wasted in bed, in a hospital or care home.

Princess Alexandra Hospital launched its own campaign on Tuesday, April

17, and asked the question of staff and patients: If you had 1,000 days to live, would you spend them in hospital?

Getting people moving – if they are able to – often reduces the length of time they need to spend in hospital and speeds their recovery.

The medical evidence shows that a long stay in hospital can be detrimental to recovery.

Patients in hospital spend

the majority of their time sedentary and it is now known that this causes real harm and results in a loss of function and independence (known as deconditioning). The #endPJparalysis campaign aims to raise awareness of this and encourage staff to support patients and families to bring clothing for their relatives, and staff to support patients to wear their own clothing, get out of bed and

move around and get active.

Professor Nancy Fontaine, the chief nurse and deputy chief executive at The Princess Alexandra Hospital Trust, said: "Wearing pyjamas can reinforce feeling unwell and can prevent a speedy recovery.

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FILM

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Amy Schumer as Renee Barrett and Tom Hopper as Grant LeClaire in I Feel Pretty
Photo: LLC/Max Schafer

Feminist fable that's not fit for purpose

I FEEL PRETTY (12A)

★★★★★

I feel many things about writer-directors Marc Silverstein and Abby Kohn's romantic comedy of female empowerment and body fascism, but none of them are particularly pretty.

As someone who has struggled with weight issues since boyhood and suffered from fat shaming, I'm acutely aware of – perhaps too sensitive to – the deep emotional and psychological wounds that can be inflicted every time you look in a mirror.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder but when all you see is a warped vision of reality, filtered through a prism of other people's disdain, airbrushed advertising and supposed gym-ripped perfection, it's hard to appreciate natural curves, scars or birthmarks as the very things that set each of us apart as ravishing, unique creatures.

I'm certain that I Feel Pretty doesn't mean to offend.

Lead actress Amy Schumer has brilliantly lampooned issues of self-esteem, femininity and suffocating

convention in her TV sketch show and the hilarious 2015 film Trainwreck.

However, here she is at the mercy of Silverstein and Kohn's script, which piles on misery and self-loathing in the opening hour until it becomes impossible to achieve redemption, even with Schumer working tirelessly to milk laughs from each set-up.

Renee Barrett (Schumer) works behind the scenes on a website for luxury cosmetics brand Lily LeClaire, which is run by CEO Avery LeClaire (Michelle Williams) from the company's plush office on Fifth Avenue in New York.

By chance, a position for receptionist becomes vacant and Renee musters the courage to apply.

She secures an interview because Avery has been advised by her grandmother Lily (Lauren Hutton) to broaden the demographic employed by the company so it better reflects the women who buy the products.

Shortly before her face-to-face with Avery, Renee hits her head during her spin cycle gym class and the sickening knock induces the applicant to see herself as magazine-spread thin and

beautiful.

To everyone else, she is the same Renee, except now she fizzes with self-confidence.

Consequently, Renee dazzles Avery, snags an adoring boyfriend called Ethan (Rory Scovel) and turns the head of Avery's handsome brother Grant (Tom Hopper).

I Feel Pretty left an exceedingly bitter taste in my mouth, despite my unabiding love for Schumer, who looks gorgeous and radiant in every frame.

The romance with Scovel is sweetly adorable but the script creates a minefield for the actors because Renee only accepts that she's beautiful after Ethan tells her she is.

She has to be validated by him, and by other people around her, and that isn't healthy.

It completely undermines Renee's inspirational, tub-thumping speech on how carefree girls are subjected to a barrage of criticism and polished advertising that steals their childhood innocence, self-confidence and individuality.

The sermon is sound and incredibly vital. Unfortunately, Silverstein and Kohn's church is unfit.

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THE STRANGERS: PREY AT NIGHT (15)

★★★★★

This feels like one of those sequels where it doesn't matter if you didn't see the original. The plot, such as it is, doesn't take us anywhere we haven't been before in horror films and we can be pretty sure that whatever nastiness might have happened in prequel *The Strangers* (2008) is being revisited with just a few variations 10 years on.

That said, although *The Strangers: Prey at Night* (awful title) does have ideas that distinguish it from the rest of the horror horde. But unfortunately these ideas aren't to do with story or character but are more around tone and atmosphere.

A family of four head for a break at a country trailer park before the daughter Kinsey (Bailee Madison) heads to boarding school. She's the typical troubled teen of movie lore, sporting a surly attitude and a Ramones T-shirt. Mum Cindy (Christina Hendricks) and dad Mike (Martin Henderson) are fraught with worry and, apparently, having financial difficulties. Son Luke (Lewis Pullman) would rather be playing baseball with his mates than go on this family bonding trip. In short, no one wants to go on the trip but while they might be dreading family tension and stupefying boredom on their weekend away much worse awaits as a trio of masked maniacs start hunting them down.

Parody

The Strangers: Prey at Night takes us down some well-worn paths of the horror genre without offering much new. The 'masked slasher who unerringly finds out where you're hiding' has been done so many times before you wonder if this is more parody than horror, especially when the tone and music is so suggestive of the late 70s and early 80s. Classic John Carpenter horrors are referenced but never bettered and, to be frank, it's hard to care about any of the main characters when they're so lame in the first place.

The film is shot in an interesting way though. Slow zooms and lingering long shots recall the unnerving style of early slasher movies and are much more unsettling than the film's jump scares which you can see coming a mile off. *The Strangers: Prey at Night* is undoubtedly thick with atmosphere but rather thin on originality. There's one scene that's particularly promising, as Luke finds his way to an outdoor swimming pool and all the neon signs come on around it. Visually it's great and promises an injection of something more interesting and edgy into a rather plodding shocker. It's a shame then that after this striking scene, Johannes Roberts' film reverts to type so readily.

At best, you could argue *The Strangers: Prey at Night* is a knowing riff on a particular sub-genre of horror. At worst, you might say it's little more than a bunch of genre clichés that it never breaks free of.

Darryl Webber



Charlize Theron as Marlo and Asher Miles Fallica as Jonah in family drama *Tully*

PARENTAL PRESSURE

TULLY (15) ★★★★★

Mother doesn't know best – she is teetering on the precipice of a nervous breakdown in Jason Reitman's beautifully crafted and bittersweet portrait of modern parenthood.

The third collaboration between the Montreal-born director and screenwriter Diablo Cody, who won an Oscar for her exemplary script for *Juno*, conceals poignant home truths behind trademark snappy dialogue and a mistimed sleight of hand that leaves a satisfying lump in the throat.

There is undeniable pleasure in unravelling the many layers to Reitman's delicately observed film and the flawed yet deeply sympathetic characters, who struggle to articulate their fears to each other and prefer to suffer in anguished silence.

It is not until a 21st century Mary Poppins, who takes multitasking to dizzying new heights, materialises in the fractured family home and re-energises the exhausted matriarch with an endless supply of self-help aphorisms, that an emotional dam breaks and the tears cascade.

Charlize Theron delivers a heartbreaking performance as a mother of three who is desperate to dodge the postnatal depression she suffered after the birth of her "quirky" second child, but is reluctant to ask for help.

It's a transformative role for the Oscar-winning actress, who gained more than 20kg to convincingly portray her cluckless mother hen.

Marlo (Theron) is poised to give birth and welcome a new life into the cluttered home she shares with her husband Drew

(Ron Livingston), son Jonah (Asher Miles Fallica) and eight-year-old daughter Sarah (Lia Frankland).

Her wealthy brother Craig (Mark Duplass) is concerned that Marlo won't cope and he offers to pay for a night nanny, who will take care of the baby after dark, allowing his sister to get a good night's sleep.

Initially, Marlo rejects his kind offer and she soldiers on, trading barbs with concerned school headmistress Laurie (Gameela Wright), who fears her staff can't adequately cater

to Jonah special needs.

When the pressure becomes too much, Marlo calls the night nanny and 26-year-old Tully (Mackenzie Davis) arrives at the front door and immediately takes charge.

"I'm like Saudi Arabia. I have an energy surplus," grins Tully as she bakes, cleans and nurtures while mere mortals sleep.

Marlo forges a close bond with the enigmatic younger woman, and that friendship deepens when it becomes evident that Tully's expertise extends far beyond mewling newborns.

"You can't be a good mother if you don't practise self-care," she counsels soothingly.

Tully is carefully embroidered with exquisite lines of pithy dialogue that demonstrate Cody's finely tuned ear for free-flowing conversation.

Theron is the picture's steady emotional heartbeat and her raw, unselfconscious portrayal nourishes supporting cast including a luminous turn from Davis.

The audacity of the final act will prove divisive but fortune favours the brave and Reitman's picture is quietly assured in its boldness.

Damon Smith



Charlize Theron and Ron Livingston in *Tully*

MUSIC

FULLY BOOKED

Not content with being a successful musician, **Beans On Toast**, aka Jay McAllister is now an author too. He tells Darryl Webber about his debut book ahead of a date back in Essex

What I like about Beans On Toast is his can-do attitude. Since first seeing him hold a

Wembley Arena crowd captive as first act before a stellar line-up that included Frank Turner, Billy Bragg and Scroobius Pip vs Dan Le Sac, I've seen the way he connects with people. Be it to thousands at Wembley or just a few people down the pub. He's got an everyday charm and down-to-earth attitude that wins people over.

The songs help of course. 'Drunk folk' as he calls it, heartfelt, politically and socially engaged tunes that are funny and relatable are another reason he's built up an enthusiastic following since his debut album, the 50-track (yes, you read that right) Standing On A Chair was released in 2009.

Since then, the Rayne lad who also goes by the name of Jay McAllister, has been prolific, releasing an album every year, just in time for Christmas, and touring relentlessly.

I catch up with him over the phone as he's in the back of a van being driven from Atlanta to North Carolina as part of a US tour. It's a long way from his days in bands in Essex in the 1990s when travelling between Braintree and Chelmsford was a more common journey.

We're talking because Beans On Toast has written a book that strings together his adventures and stories from his eventful, often nomadic life. Entitled Drunk Folk Stories, it's out this week and Jay is touring the UK this month to promote it, mixing up songs and stories in special seated performances.

So why a book at this point? "A book isn't something I thought I'd do to be honest. I'd been telling the stories for years on stage and in pubs. The stories were all locked down. Then last year, I was touring Germany on my own, travelling around by train. I had a laptop but no Wifi, so I just started writing them down as a project, for something to do, and I really enjoyed it.

"By writing them down they got a bit deeper and more

stretched out. I found I could reel them out much easier than I thought."

Was it a matter of honing down a whole lot of material for the book or did he have certain stories in mind from the outset?

"Ten stories seemed like a nice round number. The main thing was knowing which ones I had to include so that made it easier. I knew certain ones would have to go in. By telling the stories over and over, it helped refine them and it made me think about them a bit more."

Jay's writing is very natural and conversational, so you feel like you could be down the pub listening to him spinning a yarn. They're funny, warm and insightful and sprinkled with mischief.

Like the time he went to Glastonbury and had to survive the whole weekend with wet clothes, no tent, knowing no one and just £50 to spend. Or when he decided to play some

songs at an open mic at the festival one year and next year found himself sharing a stage with Billy Bragg. He's now a friend of the Bard of Barking and if you take away one thing from reading his book it would be this: go for it. That's what he's always done and it's worked out pretty well for him.

For anyone who's followed the Essex music scene over the years, there's plenty in the book to get your teeth into as well. The first couple of chapters cover Jay's early years in bands in the 1990s. Names like Planet Empathy, Union Kid and Jellicoe, as well as visits to the Army and Navy and the first V Festival, will trawl up memories for lots of people.

He's looking forward to returning to Essex as part of the Drunk Folk Stories tour, dropping into Colchester Arts Centre and no doubt seeing some familiar faces while he's telling his stories. But he does admit he hasn't overdone the preparation for these live dates

"It will be a different format to usual so I had to look at different venues. It's coming along. It'll be off the cuff as usual," he says.

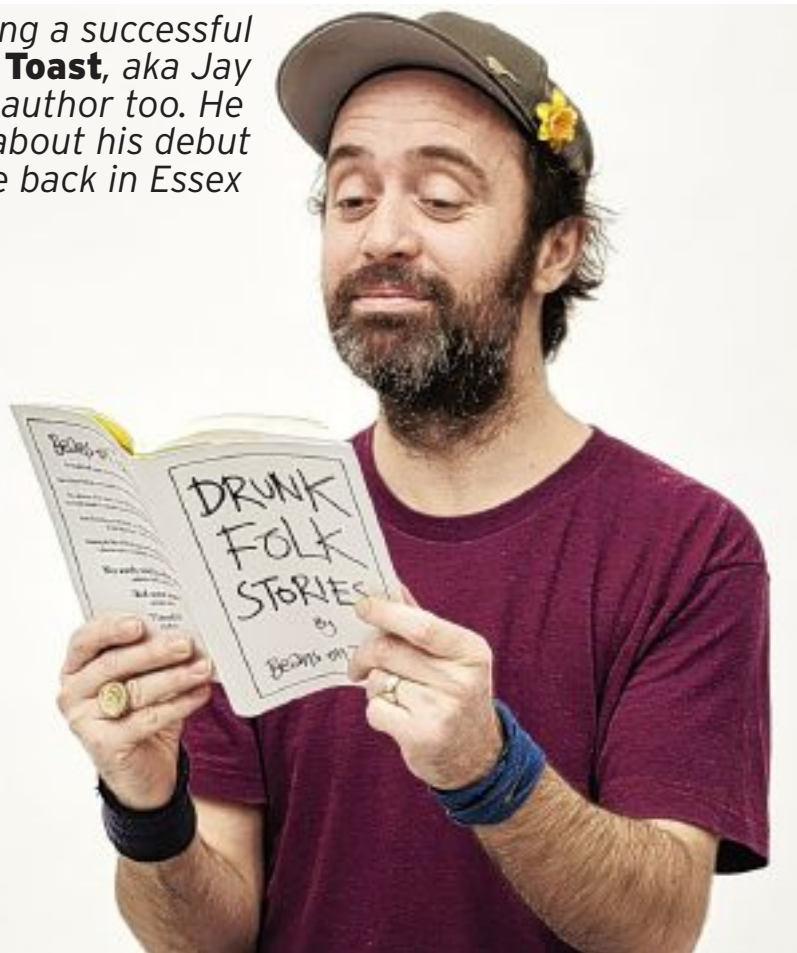
"Just because it's seated I don't want it to feel like it's too contrived. I might put a shout-out for songs on social media. I'll try to play some oldies from my back catalogue that don't get an airing too often."

With his debut album getting a re-release on vinyl too, Jay must look back on his career so far with a great deal of satisfaction.

"I've been very lucky to be able to make and release music but there's no great secret to it. Everyone can do it. My attitude is just go for it."

It's an attitude that seems to be working.

The book Drunk Folk Stories is out now. Beans On Toast plays Colchester Arts Centre on Thursday, May 17. The double vinyl version of his debut album, Standing On A Chair, is released this week.



OUT & ABOUT

GIG OF THE WEEK



■ **Guilt Coins single launch, Bassment, Chelmsford, Friday, May 4**

Guilt Coins, above, draw on influences as diverse as rock, soul, funk and folk for their distinctive sound and they've been working hard on a new single and album. They launch the single, Iza Crime, at Shakey's Sessions this Friday, and their album, Keep The Kick, follows on June 1. Find out more at www.guiltcoins.com. Support comes from Hannah Paris, Grandma's Waffle Velocity and Louise Parker. Doors open at 8pm.

■ **Steve Lamacq, Colchester Arts Centre, Tuesday, May 8**

BBC 6 Music DJ and former NME journalist Steve Lamacq returns to his native north Essex for this one man show entitled Going Deaf For A Living which celebrates his 30 years in the music industry. It'll be a night of anecdotes from the man who's been at the frontline of the best new music for three decades. Doors open at 7.30pm

DOWN THE PUB



The Rural Outcasts say they play rock and groove. The three-piece are from north Essex and they're at the Waggon, Wix on Saturday night.

Gigs for May 4-6

■ **Star & Garter, Moulsham Street, Chelmsford:** Friday - Two Bob Short

■ **The Bull, Colchester:** Friday - The Strides; Saturday - Abacus

■ **Cricketers, Southend:** Friday - Beggar; Saturday - King Snakes & No Good Woman

■ **Horse & Groom, Braintree:** Saturday - Scooby

■ **Waggon at Wix:** Saturday - Rural Outcasts; Sunday - The Statins

■ **Golden Fleece, Chelmsford:** Friday - Scooby; Saturday - The Heaters

■ **Railway Hotel, Clifftown Road, Southend:** Saturday - The Sharps (4.30pm); Sunday (afternoon) - Steve Weston's Blues Sonics

■ **Boars Head, Braintree:** Friday - Magic Queen; Saturday - Diezel

■ **Cow & Telescope, Southend:** Friday - Mischief; Saturday - Solar 9

FOOD & DRINK

CUPPA LOAD OF THIS...



GREAT British Bake Off judge Prue Leith says: "It's the addition of yoghurt that really makes this stand out from the crowd. "It's an elegant, very grown-up tart. "Just make sure you have the recipe handy. I guarantee someone will want it."

ZING STAR

PRUE LEITH'S
LEMON AND
COCONUT TART

INGREDIENTS

For the orange pastry:

170g/6oz butter
250g/8oz flour
Juice and finely grated rind of 1 orange

For the filling:

130g/4½oz butter
300g/10½oz caster sugar
4 large eggs
160ml plain yoghurt
1tsp vanilla extract
3tbsp lemon juice
2tbsp lemon zest
100g/3½oz desiccated coconut

METHOD

1. First make the pastry. Add the flour and butter to a food processor and whizz until it resembles breadcrumbs.
2. Add the juice and rind. Roll out the pastry, line a 24cm flan tin and bake blind.
3. Heat oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4.

4. Beat butter and sugar until light and creamy.
5. Add eggs one at a time and beat into the mixture before adding the yogurt, vanilla, lemon juice and zest.
6. Stir in the coconut and pour the mixture into pre-baked tart case.
7. Bake for 30 minutes or until filling is golden and puffed.
8. Dust with icing sugar and serve warm.



Prue Leith

FORMER BAKE OFF PRESENTER MEL GIEDROYC SERVES UP SOME TASTY TEA PARTY IDEAS

MEL GIEDROYC says you can have your cake and eat it when it comes to raising money for charity.

The former Great British Bake Off presenter is supporting the terminal illness charity Marie Curie, which is inviting everyone to join its Blooming Great Tea Party appeal next month.

Mel says: "I've always known about the extraordinary work that Marie Curie Nurses do. My mum was also a nurse but stopped to raise the family.

"Nursing is a big strand that runs through my family so it's a joy to be linked with Marie Curie."

The TV favourite, who lives in London with husband Ben Morris and their daughters Florence and Vita, says she enjoys a good tea party and cooking family meals, but admits: "It's a weird thing when you're a performer.

"Either you have so much time on your hands, or you have absolutely no time and nobody gets fed. It is feast or famine."

She adds: "My mum sends me a recipe once a week.

"Her best one is a Portuguese vegetable soup, which has some pretty secret ingredients in it.

"It's a bit like the Coca-Cola recipe. If I told you she'd kill me."

Mel, who turns 50 next month, recently presented two Generation Game specials for the BBC with her old Bake Off partner-in-crime Sue Perkins, but her latest role will see her taking to the stage.



Mel Giedroyc, left, is supporting Marie Curie's Blooming Great Tea Party



Mel in dusting action

"I'm about to rehearse for a musical, Sondhiem's Company," she says. "It's very exciting but I'm slightly bricking it as well.

"I'm probably going to be the only untrained singer up there on stage. Steven Sondhiem himself - the emperor, the god of musicals - is going to be there for the opening. I've really got to get my vocal chords into gear."

She laughs: "Frankly we're going to have to all plunge into this together as I don't know myself as a singer either!

"Luckily the role I'm playing is more of a comedy role which is a relief. I do have a few lines singing on me tod but then,

luckily, other people join in to make it sound good."

So does she have a theme in mind for her own Blooming Great Tea Party this year?

"I'm thinking a big outdoor party with parasols and possibly a coconut shy, like an old fashioned fete.

"Either that, or six mates around a table with a packet of Custard Creams. And that's the point, you can either go totally mad or you can do something very small."

And her perfect tea party guests? "It has got to be Isambard Kingdom Brunel. He would look at the cakes and could say, 'Yes. The bottom sponge will bear the load of the top sponge for the next 200 years'."

"Looking at it the way Brunel would, in pure engineering terms it goes against the laws of gravity and physics to put cream first and then jam on top. I don't know what the mathematical equation for this is but jam equals heavy and cream equals light. It's got to be jam first.

"And I would invite Basil Brush. When everyone has gone

he would go round and eat all the leftovers. He'd Hoover up all the lemon drizzle. He is surprisingly giving. I thought he'd have all his Mariah Carey-esque demands but 'Brush' is keeping it pretty real."

Mel says she would choose Leatherhead as her perfect tea party location - "All roads, all galaxies lead to Leatherhead" - and admits she is not above a little bit of cheating when it comes to serving up some sweet treats.

"Listen, to all the mums out there, get to Tesco, get the cakes, joggle them around, then do the Mary Berry trick - icing sugar through a tea strainer.

"Dust them with the Mary Berry, stick on a couple of raspberries then BOOM, pass them off as your own."

Joining Mel supporting the Blooming Great Tea party in June, are new Great British Bake Off judge Prue Leith, chefs Tom Kerridge and Ainsley Harriott.

Here they share their recipes.

■ Every pound raised helps Marie Curie care for more people living with a terminal illness to make the most of the time they have. Marie Curie is counting on your cuppa so sign up today at mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty for a tea party pack with everything you need to throw your party anytime in June.

I'VE been very low-key telling you about my visit to New Zealand; my friends would disagree as I'm doing the digital equivalent of sharing holiday snaps every time we meet. I've probably driven them to drink.

I was in with the in-crowd by the time I left NZ as I was asking for a glass of "sawvie" instead of a sauvignon blanc; I'm now very hip.

New Zealand has made this grape its own and winemakers and marketing people have been celebrating this week in the lead-up to International Sauvignon Blanc Day (May 4).

The classic region is Marlborough in the north-east of the South Island. I flew over Blenheim in the Wairau Valley, sweeping over acres of vineyards

RAISE A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE



and I was surprised how flat it was. The nearby Awatere Valley is more undulating.

Sauvignon blanc wines from the Wairau Valley are more driven by tropical fruit notes, whereas Awatere wines can be more herbaceous and grassy.

Enough. Here's some wine.

■ **Co-op Irresistible Explorers Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc (£7.49, 12.5% abv):** The wine is created for the Co-op by winemaker Heather Stewart at St Clair Family Estate. The

nose isn't overly-pungent but it still has vibrant notes of passion fruit, grapefruit, gooseberry and a good acidity which makes the mouth water.

■ **Jackson Estate Stich Sauvignon Blanc 2017 (RRP £13, Waitrose, Tesco and Ocado, 13% abv):** New Zealand is inextricably linked to all things Hobbit-y because of Peter Jackson's epic films. I didn't expect to admire the skills of the films' design team at the Jackson estate just outside Blenheim. The cellar door has the look of a Hobbiton country shack and their private tasting room has been designed like a Hobbit's home. It was here I tasted this wine; it is fresh and lively with characterful fruit -

lemon and lime and a blossom of white peach.

■ **Small and Small Serious Sauvignon Blanc 2017 (£18.99 or £12.99 if you're an Angel investor at Naked Wines, 13% abv):** This is a new vintage due in at Naked Wines and was one of my standout choices at their summer showcase this week. The wine has classic signature notes of sauvignon blanc, but as it is fermented and matured in old French casks there are layers of complexity and a slightly buttery note. Seriously delicious.

■ **Greywacke Wild Sauvignon Blanc (£28, Oddbins, or £27 in a buy six deal at Majestic, 14% abv):** The word "wild"

indicates that natural yeasts on the grape skins and in the winery kicked off the fermentation. This production style creates a weave of flavours; dried herbs, peach, custard and pears. You can find the equally enjoyable but traditionally made Greywacke Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc 2017 (13% abv) at the Wine Society for £17.50.

■ Find out more about NZ sauvignon blanc at winemarlborough.co.nz or nzwine.com. Follow #nzwine #sauvblanc on social media for wine tips to mark International Sauvignon Blanc Day.

■ Jane is a member of the Circle of Wine Writers. Find her on social media and online as One Foot in the Grapes.

TV CHEF Ainsley Harriott says: "This is a wonderful cake to serve with afternoon tea, but works equally well as a dessert for a dinner party. It is practically gluten free (leave out the baking powder for those with allergies) and it can be made with sunflower oil instead of butter (125mls/ 8fl oz) for the perfect dairy-free cake."

INGREDIENTS

250g/8oz softened butter
250g/8oz castor sugar
250g/8oz ground almonds



Ainsley Harriott

3 eggs
125g/4oz polenta
Zest of two lemons

GRAB A SLICE

AINSLEY HARRIOTT'S
LEMON AND POLENTA CAKE
WITH CRÈME FRAICHE

Juice of 1 lemon
¾tsp baking powder
Crème Fraiche to serve

METHOD

1. Grease and base line a 9ins loose bottomed cake tin.
2. Set oven to 160°C.
3. Cream together butter and sugar in a bowl and incorporate the ground almonds. Add all the other ingredients and beat together until well mixed.
4. Pour into the prepared cake tin and bake in the oven for 30-40 minutes until set in the middle and golden on the top.
5. Sprinkle lightly with icing sugar and serve with a dollop of crème fraiche.



"LIKE the carrots in a carrot cake, courgette keeps this delicious cake lovely and moist," says celebrity chef Tom Kerridge.

"A light cream cheese and lime icing provides a refreshing contrast.

"The cake will keep in the fridge for a couple of days - just bring it to room temperature before serving."

INGREDIENTS

Sunflower oil spray; 250g half-fat margarine; 100g caster sugar; 4tbsp granulated sweetener; 3 large free-range eggs; 250g self-raising flour; 1tsp bicarbonate of soda; 1tsp ground cardamom; 1 vanilla pod, split and seeds scraped; finely grated zest of 2 limes; 200g courgettes, grated

For the icing: 100g icing sugar; 1tbsp light cream cheese; 1tbsp lime juice

To finish: Grated zest of 1 lime

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C fan/gas 4. Spray a 900g (2lb) non-stick loaf tin with a few sprays of oil.
2. Using a stand mixer or



COUR BLIMEY

TOM KERRIDGE'S COURGETTE
AND CARROT CAKE
(SERVES 8)

electric hand whisk and large bowl, cream together the margarine, caster sugar and sweetener until light and fluffy. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each one.

3. Sift the flour, bicarbonate of soda and ground cardamom together over the mixture, add the vanilla seeds and lime zest and fold in gently, using a spatula, until just combined. Lastly, fold in the grated courgettes.

4. Spoon the cake mixture into the prepared tin and gently level the surface. Bake on the middle shelf of the oven for 50-60 minutes. To test, insert a skewer into the middle of the cake. It should come out clean; if

not give it a little longer.

5. Once cooked, leave the cake to cool in the tin for five minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

6. To make the icing, in a bowl, whisk the icing sugar, cream cheese and lime juice together until smoothly combined.

7. Spread the icing on top of the cake and sprinkle with the lime zest. Cut into eight thick slices to serve.

■ Calories: 365 per serving.

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Lose Weight for
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Recipe for success...

KATIE WRIGHT GIVES YOU A RUN-DOWN OF THE YEAR'S BIGGEST INGREDIENT TRENDS AND HOW THEY CAN HELP YOU

WITH thousands of innovations happening in beauty labs each year, it can be hard to know which products are worthy of your time and money.

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To help sort the dud from the good, we've rounded up the ingredients generating the most buzz in the beauty world and where you can find them.

From natural to high tech and luxury to bargain, these are the hardworking products that deserve a place in your skincare routine...

BLACK PEARL

■ **What does it do?** Black pearls, which can only be found in the lagoons of French Polynesia, are known for their skin-brightening and firming properties, making them an excellent addition to your anti-ageing arsenal.

■ **Where can you find it?** Dr Organic's newest day cream combines black pearl with hyaluronic acid and biotin for a complexion-boosting triple whammy.

■ **Dr Organic Pro Collagen Plus Black Pearl**, £9.49 (was £18.99), Holland & Barrett

MORINGA

■ **What does it do?** Moringa Oleifera Seed Oil, a product of the moringa tree, is an incredibly nourishing oil that's packed with antioxidants, helping to promote radiant, hydrated skin.

■ **Where can you find it?** Leave Emma Hardie's moringa-filled mask on overnight to really reap the benefits of the oil, while Nivea's new shower mousse brings major moisture all over your body too.

■ **Emma Hardie Moringa Renewal Treatment Mask**, £49, Marks & Spencer



Black pearls, above, are known to brighten and firm up skin



■ **Nivea Shower Mousse Lemon Meringue**, left, £2.99, Superdrug

KOMBUCHA

■ **What does it do?** Not just a trendy drink, fermented sweet black

tea can work wonders when applied topically. It has been proven to improve skin tone and elasticity.

■ **Where can you find it?** Add a daily shot of kombucha to your skincare routine by applying Fresh's liquid essence after cleansing. Use your fingertips to tap it on rather than cotton wool, to ensure none of the product is wasted.

■ **Fresh Black Tea Kombucha Facial Treatment Essence**, £59 (fresh.com)

DRONE PEPTIDES

■ **What does it do?** Every beauty buff knows that peptides are essential for stimulating collagen production, but new Drone Peptide Technology helps target areas of the face where signs of stress are most visible.

■ **Where can you find it?** This clever peptide delivery system can only be found in Elemis' new night cream. Impressive user trials showed the appearance of wrinkles dramatically improved and skin



Orchids are not just pretty, they can help protect your skin from damaging environmental factors

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Leaves from the moringa tree

looked more youthful.

■ **Elemis Pro-Collagen Overnight Matrix**, £145

TAURINE

■ **What does it do?** You'll probably recognise taurine as the active ingredient of energy drinks (its name comes from the Latin word for 'bull'), but did you know this amino acid can also give your skin 'wings' by stimulating the synthesis of ATP, the energy storage molecule of cells?

■ **Where can you find it?** Using taurine derived from seaweed, the new PhytoEnergise range from Optimum has been proven to improve skin tone and luminosity. Try the Glycolic Cleansing pads to simultaneously exfoliate and energise your skin.

■ **Optimum PhytoEnergise Glycolic Cleansing Pads**, £4.95 (was £9.99), Superdrug



ORCHID

■ **What does it do?** Not just a pretty flower, orchids have high levels of flavonoids, which help protect them from environmental aggressors, and they can do the same for your skin.

■ **Where can you find it?** Temple Spa's luxurious new serum harnesses the protective properties of rare black orchid. Follow it up with Botanics night cream, which contains purple orchid extract, to slow the signs of ageing.

■ **Temple Spa Trufflelixir Luxe Serum**, right, £75

■ **Botanics Triple Age Renewal Night Cream**, £10.49, left, Boots

PROHIB8

■ **What does it do?** Similar to famous 'Syn-Ake' serum, this lab-created super ingredient creates an invisible film across the surface of the skin, meaning fine lines are instantly reduced.

■ **Where can you find it?** Skn Rehab's new moisturiser combines powerful Prohib8 with a raft of antioxidant-rich oils to hydrate skin and promote cell growth.

■ **Skn Rehab Skn Therapy The Moisturiser**, £65 (sknrehab.com)



Cheat sleep with one of these plumping night-time skin masks

■ **Olay Vitality Renewing NightMask**, £19.99 (Superdrug)

Nourishes and creates a barrier to help strengthen sensitive, mature skin. It's not a bad cream and it did what it was meant to (though I had overnight to slather it on), but I've used much better.

★★★★★

■ **The Body Shop Drops Of Youth Bouncy Sleeping mask**, £25

Plant stem cells plump skin while the gel-like formula gives a whack of hydration. I've used this for a few months, and when I haven't used it the night before my skin doesn't look as fresh. Makes my skin look shiny when applied, but it's worth it!

★★★★★

■ **Mavala Skin Vitality Baby Skin Radiance Night Mask**, £29 (lookfantastic.com)

With glycolic acid and Swiss apricot extract to exfoliate and boost radiance. I loved this – I woke up with hydrated and lush skin. The glycolic in it gives results, but you have to use sun protection over the next few days (at least).

★★★★★

■ **Beauty Kitchen Seahorse Plankton Sleeping Beauty Knight Rescue Mask**, £19.99 (Holland & Barrett)

Natural ingredients like microalgae work to firm, hydrate and make skin softer while you sleep. I like that this supports the Seahorse Trust. But what I like more is how it makes my skin look the next morning; glowy and bouncy.

★★★★★

CELEB SECRET

CELEBRITY make-up artist Patsy O'Neill, who was responsible for making Holly Willoughby, right, show-ready for Dancing on Ice, uses Hourglass Ambient Strobe Highlighting powder (£34, spacenk.com) to give the presenter her glow.



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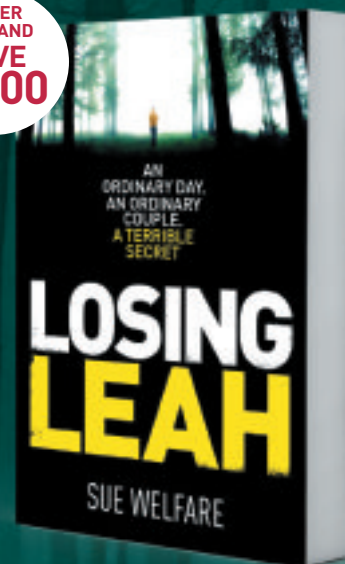
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BOOKSHELF

I don't watch Silent Witness or CSI. It would be like an A&E consultant watching Casualty



Forensic anthropologist
Dame Professor Sue Black

SHE has witnessed some of the world's most traumatic sights, from mass graves in Kosovo to the tsunami devastation in Thailand.

Dame Professor Sue Black, one of the world's leading forensic anthropologists, has also picked through writhing maggots, decomposed bodies and mutilated, decapitated corpses in her quest to identify the dead. But why does she do it?

"I never planned it," says Inverness-born Sue, 56. "It's fate, being in the right place at the right time and the opportunity was there. At no point did I think, 'I want to be a forensic scientist or a professor.'"

Her job centres on helping identify bodies through bone analysis, unlike pathologists, who determine the cause and manner of death. Some of Sue's work involves cold cases, when all other avenues have been exhausted.

While she often finds herself dealing with the most macabre cases of murder, in the flesh, this no-nonsense Scot is an upbeat character with a dry sense of humour, clearly identifiable in her memoir, *All That Remains*.

"There is a dark sense of humour among forensic teams," she agrees, "but it's part of the coping mechanism. Laughing is what gets you through 17-hour days when you are exhausted and what you are doing is not a normal job for most people. The humour is almost always directed at your team members, never at the deceased or the family of the deceased. That part of the job is sacrosanct."

Sue, who divides her time between case work, teaching and laboratory research at the University of Dundee, where she is director of the Centre for

Leading forensic scientist Dame Professor Sue Black tells **HANNAH STEPHENSON** why she chose to spend her life surrounded by death, and why TV shows such as *CSI*, *Bones* and *Silent Witness* are far removed from reality

Anatomy & Human Identification, has never been squeamish.

Growing up in the Scottish countryside on the outskirts of Inverness, her father would go out hunting, bringing home rabbits and pigeons which he'd shot. "It was my job to skin them and gut them and I never thought twice about it," she recalls.

She does, however, have a pathological fear of rats, which may explain why she plumped for the study of bones rather than pathology, where there may have been a fair bit of rat dissection.

Her fear harks back to the time her parents ran a hotel in the west of Scotland, when there was a dustmen's strike.

"I can remember seeing my father beating a rat to death - I can see its red eyes and its tail lashing and I can hear it growling. I thought it was going to leap at me and from that point forward, I was scared."

"It's not just rats, it's any kind of rodent, whether it's a mouse or a capybara (the largest living rodent in the world), alive or dead."

She's been to scenes where rats would certainly be present - decrepit buildings, mass graves, rubbish tips where bones have been found, locations of natural disasters. She admits she sends in police or soldiers to get rid of the rodents before she will enter, and at home, Sue

and her husband Tom, a former anatomist who now works in finance, have a cat.

She acknowledges people have become more interested in the forensic side of investigation, thanks to the popularity of TV shows like *Silent Witness* and *CSI*.

"I tend not to watch them. That would be like an A&E consultant watching *Casualty*," she says.

"Some shows are better than others but they are there to entertain, not to educate. Having to wind a story around a subject makes it more appealing than often is the reality of the subject."

"We do get students who come to university thinking it's one thing, and then finding it's another. But you do have to study statistics, have ethics and morals and understand the research process. There's an unrealistic portrayal in fictional TV because it's about entertainment."

Fictional forensic work is one thing, but her life trying to identify the dead is quite another.

Sue attended horrific scenes in Kosovo, where whole communities had been massacred, requiring the exhumation of mass graves.

On another assignment, she witnessed complete chaos in Thailand following the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami, as makeshift mortuaries were set up in temples in searing temperatures, where relatives



Sue divides her time between case work and lab research

frantically tried to identify their loved ones in a sea of decomposing bodies.

Surely those scenes are enough to push anyone over the edge, but Sue says: "I tend not to get upset in the horrendous situations where you might expect members of the public to become upset. This is what we do and what we are trained to do."

"I've never had a nightmare or woken up worrying about something, I've never had a good cry in the corner about anything. It doesn't affect me in that way at all."

At the end of her last, and longest, tour of Kosovo in 2000, the police sent out a team of counsellors for Sue and her colleagues, a move which was met with derision.

"There was some resentment at outsiders coming into an area which they didn't understand. They hadn't been to a scene or worked a 17-hour day."

"When we came across a situation where anybody was being affected by it, we dealt with it between ourselves. You sat down and talked it out and often that's the best

way, when you can do it with friends you can trust."

"The job at work - you didn't cause it, you're not responsible for it, you don't have any guilt for it, you're there because you're required to do the job to the best of your ability," she reasons.

A mother of three grown-up daughters, she says having a family and becoming a parent hasn't changed her attitude towards her work, or meant she has stronger emotional responses.

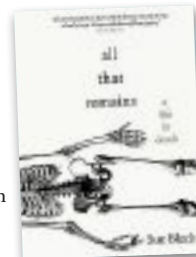
"It made no difference to me. I don't think my children have made me look at the work that I do any differently, other than there are certain jobs I've been asked to do that I've turned down because I have responsibility as a mother - and they were in parts of the world which were particularly dangerous at the time."

"But you do come home and hug your children tighter. You become a more appreciative parent."

And then the humour returns. She laughs when reminded that, in 2013, she made *Radio 4 Woman's Hour* Power List as one of the 100 most powerful women in the UK.

"I haven't got the power to strip the skin off a tangerine," she quips. "I can assure you that caused a tremendous amount of hilarity in my office."

■ *All That Remains: A Life In Death* by Sue Black is published by Doubleday, priced £16.99.



REVIEWS

FICTION

PONTI by Sharlene Teo
Picador, £14.99 (ebook £9.35)

★★★★★
SINGAPORE, 1978
– stunning young beauty Amisa stars in the cult horror movie Ponti! as the Pontianak of local legend: a man-eating, forest-dwelling ghost.

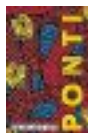
In 2003's stifling polluted air, Amisa's troubled 16-year-old daughter Szu forms an intense but short-lived bond with fellow outsider Circe.

Fast-forward to 2020, and Ponti! is being remade with a new message, that even monsters can be redeemed. But in a world where people sweat, ooze grease and sprout unsightly spots, and beauty belongs to social media brands and ad campaigns, can we believe that memories can be re-edited or a failed relationship rebooted?

A smart, slick take on the dark side of modernity.

THE LIDO by Libby Page
Orion Fiction, £12.99 (ebook £6.99)

★★★★★
ROSEMARY, 86, has swum at Brockwell Lido in south London all



BOOK OF THE WEEK

CIRCE by Madeleine Miller
Bloomsbury, £16.99 (ebook £14.99)

★★★★★
CIRCE is Titan royalty, the daughter of the Sun god Helios and the nymph Perse.

Through her lonely childhood in her father's palace, overshadowed by her more successful siblings; to her eternity of exile on a remote island, the character of Circe is brought fully to life.

Circe is banished for using magic and mixing with mortals, and on the island she



grows stronger, develops her gift for sorcery and her fascination with mortals continues.

This is a gorgeous retelling of Homer's Odyssey blended with other legends.

Miller creates a magical narrative: strong relatable characters, cold-hearted gods, flawed heroes, deadly monsters, and best of all, a strong female protagonist.

Overall, it is fabulously readable.

her life, while Kate, 26, has just moved to the city and is struggling to latch on to any semblance of community.

When Kate's day job as a junior reporter on the local paper sees her covering the lido's imminent closure and redevelopment, she and Rosemary strike up a friendship, and battle the developers together.

The ideas are heart-warming



and sincere – a community pulling together, overcoming loneliness no matter your age, the impact of exercise on mental health – but the language often comes off as a saccharine, and the plot points sentimental, absent of any suspense or surprise.

The potential is there, and it may make for a pleasant beach read, but The Lido ultimately flounders.

NON-FICTION

NOW YOU'RE TALKING: THE STORY OF HUMAN CONVERSATION FROM THE NEANDERTHALS TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE by Trevor Cox
Bodley Head, £20 (ebook £9.99)

★★★★★
TREVOR COX, a professor of acoustic engineering at the University of Salford, sets off on a journey to explore human conversation.

He delves into how evolution has shaped the bones, muscles and nerve responses that give us the physical capacity to create and decipher sound; the role of dialect, accent and tone, plus the impact of speech defects and brain injuries and the influence of recording technology and talking robots.

Drawing on scientific studies, theories, case studies and expert interviews, and peppered with anecdotes and observations, Cox's passion for his subject weaves through every page.

If you have an interest in human sciences and the art and function of conversation, this is a brain-pleasing and entertaining read.



TOP TENS

BEST-SELLERS

1. The Shortest History of Germany: James Hawes
2. The Midnight Line: Lee Child
3. The History of Bees: Maja Lundie
4. Elinor Oliphant is Completely Fine: Gail Honeyman (right)
5. BBC Proms 2018
6. BOSH!: Henry Firth
7. The Invisible Guardian: Delores Redondo
8. A Higher Loyalty: James Comey
9. This is Going to Hurt: Adam Kay
10. The Guesnsey Literary & Potato Peel Society: Annie Barrows

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KINDLE BEST-SELLERS

1. The Unmumsy Mum Diary: The Unmumsy Mum
2. Murder at Work: Faith Martin
3. The Wildflowers: Harriet Evans
4. The Friend: Teresa Driscoll
5. The Child: Fiona Barton
6. Elinor Oliphant is Completely Fine: Gail Honeyman
7. The Note: Zoe Folbigg
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PUZZLE TIME

Pathfinder

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Radio 1 DJs, past and present

C	M	O	E	V	O	E	L	A	M	Z	A	N	E	L
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Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

S	A	B	N	G	L	E	W	L	D
R	T			I	A			U	O
R	E	A	O	U	E	N	D		
M	O			R	G			E	G
S	W	G	H	E	L	X	R	S	E

Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy

		6				7	9	
4		7		6	5		2	3
3			9	7				
	3			5				2
5				4			8	
9				8	4			1
2	5		3			8		9
	1	8		2	9	3		

Hard

					8			
	7				2	6	1	
9			5	7		8		
5					4		6	
		4		2	9			
2		7						3
		6		1	4			7
	4	1	8					
			6					

Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

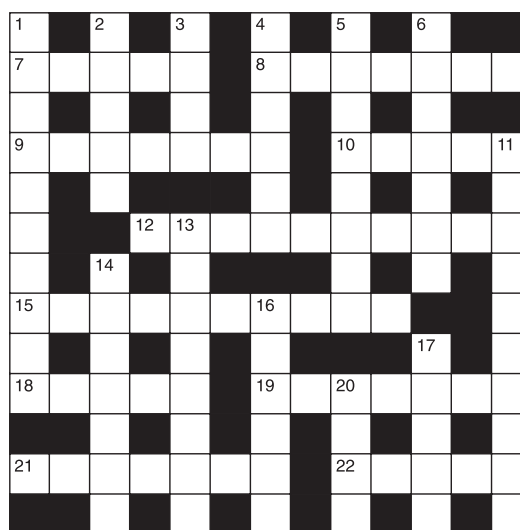
Cryptic

Across

- Does she bring peace to the branch? (5)
- What they wear in court? (7)
- Severely raised in pitch? (7)
- The French convict is returned according to the law (5)
- Pay suit to none with blemish - it makes for trials (5,2,3)
- Beauty, like stripe on ship (10)
- No northern season to shoot (5)
- Taken from the car - a broken windpipe (7)
- Coach goes on certain lines? (7)
- Don't answer directly - it offers protection (5)

Down

- A painter's impression of policemen? (10)
- I'm sad - he was the golden wonder! (5)
- This stronghold should be held (4)
- Does he never work for a living? (6)
- Gulps down birds (8)
- Clubs are taken up in defence (7)
- Is it smashing being a criminal? (3-7)
- Being kind but glib, go in (8)
- Put too much strain on through state dues? (7)
- Legal officer may try on a change (6)
- Rebuke many who conceal themselves (5)
- A bit of pain in 19 (4)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

- Black fruit (5)
- Legal proceeding (7)
- Acutely (7)
- Lawful (5)
- Tribunal (5,2,3)
- Attractiveness (10)
- Shoot (5)
- Windpipe (7)
- Coach (7)
- Barrier (5)

Down

- Officers (10)
- Legendary king (5)
- Retain (4)
- Sportsman (6)
- Birds (8)
- Stout sticks (7)
- Felon (3-7)
- Agreeable (8)
- Impose too much strain on (7)
- Public official (6)
- Scold (5)
- Dull pain (4)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

23	21	17	14					24			15	7	25	23
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	9	24	8	19	25	6	9	26		21	24	17		
6				25		2				13		5		
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A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
										R		I

Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

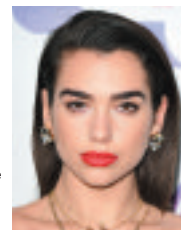
How you rate:

15 words - average; 20 words - good; 25 words - very good; 30 or more - excellent.

S	R	G
D	U	C
N	A	I

Quiz

- Pop star Dua Lipa has made Brits history by becoming the first female artist to receive how many nominations in one year?
- By what name is Karol Wojtyla better known? Who succeeded to the US presidency after the assassination of John F Kennedy?
- Which medical speciality is concerned with the problems and illnesses of children?
- What is the capital of New Zealand?



Q1 - Dua Lipa

- Which popular holiday destination is the southernmost province of Portugal?
- By what name is Reginald Dwight better known?
- Which Dutch courtesan and dancer was shot by the French on espionage charges in 1917?
- Which French patriot was known as the Maid of Orleans?
- What sort of animal is a mastiff?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Peak District, Isles of Scilly, Pembrokeshire Coast, Lincolnshire Wolds, Snowdonia, Tamar Valley, New Forest, North York Moors, Gower Peninsula, Dartmoor, Brecon Beacons, Mendip Hills, South Downs, Cotswolds, Yorkshire Dales, Lake District, Anglesey, Northumberland, High Weald.

Quiz

- Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri; 2. The Bosphorus; 3. German measles; 4. Will Hay; 5. Kiwi; 6. Pachyderm; 7. Mafia; 8. Rum; 9. Allah; 10. Alfred the Great.

Sudoku

7	9	5	8	4	3	1	6	2
1	2	4	5	6	9	3	7	8
3	8	6	7	2	1	9	5	4
5	7	1	2	3	4	6	8	9
4	6	8	1	9	7	5	2	3
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Codeword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	V	G	T	Z	L	Y	D	P	B	O	H	E
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
F	A	M	W	Q	R	X	J	S	C	U	K	I

Split Decision

T	A	L	O	N
R		I		E
U	L	T	R	A
C		R		R
K	E	E	P	S

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SIX TOP INTERIORS
EXPERTS REVEAL
THEIR TIPS FOR
REVAMPING A ROOM
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DESIGNED FOR FUN IN THE SUN

This property comes with a large conservatory and garden, big enough for any keen football fan PAGES 42&43

HOT HOUSE



FAMILY FRIENDLY HOME IN QUIET CUL-DE-SAC

Now that the lighter nights are here the chances are your children like to do nothing more than play outside. Depending on their age and your location this can be in the garden, at the park or even in the street.

If you buy this detached home in Oaklands Drive, Harlow, there will be lots of opportunities for them to get out from under your feet ... as long as it does not rain.

The detached property is tucked away in a quiet cul-de-sac – meaning that traffic should not be an issue. It also comes with a large garden – enclosed by fencing – so there should not be too many stray balls ending

up next door.

Downstairs the accommodation is made up of:

- An entrance hall
- A downstairs cloakroom – with a toilet and hand wash basin
- A lounge – with a gas fireplace
- A dining area
- A conservatory – with a door leading out to the garden
- A kitchen – with an inset electric

oven and hob, integrated fridge freezer and space for a dishwasher

■ A utility room

On the first floor is:

- Five bedrooms
- A dressing room
- An en-suite bathroom with jacuzzi and shower
- A family bathroom
- Outside is:
- A rear garden – with a paved area

- A side garden – with a shed
- A double garage to the front
- A drive for multiple vehicles

The property is on the market with Geoffrey Matthew in Fore Street, Old Harlow. To request more details or to arrange a viewing call 01279 444988 or visit www.geoffreymatthew.co.uk/property/residential/for-sale/essex/harlow/potter-street/oaklands-drive/GEM27744684



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Left: Yoda Star Wars Mug, £9.95, from TeaTimeDreams, Etsy.com

Right: Star Wars by Ale Giorgini, 30 x 40cm print, made.com



Above: Star Wars Yoda Welcome You Are doormat £14.99, Hmv.com



Below: Fine Decor Star Wars battle mural, £59.99, Homebase

STAR WARS BUYS TO JEDI FOR

May the 4th be with you... In honour of Star Wars Day, **DAN BEAVAN** picks out items no sci-fi fan should be without



Above: Stormtrooper Decanter £24.99, bnifty.co.uk

Right: Star Wars BB-8 bedset, £29-£39.50, Marks And Spencer



Left: Wookiee Cookie tin, £12.50, menkind.co.uk **Above:** Stormtrooper bookends, £24.95 red5.co.uk All prices correct at time of going to press



Left: Star Wars themed A3 retro travel posters, £10.50 each Notonthehigh street.com

Below: Star Wars Jedi training alarm clock, £20.84, yellowoctopus.com



Left: 3D Light FX with remote, Boba Fett, £49.95, red5.co.uk



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Alessi Noe Wine Rack, £59 black-by-design.co.uk



HOME ADVICE

With Alex Neill of Which?

Insurance covers the cost of replacing many of our possessions, but what about irreplaceable items?

Imagine. Your home is about to be burn down, or flood, or even collapse due to an earthquake. If you could only rescue one item, which would you take?

Faced with disaster, it seems we would opt to save irreplaceable objects of sentimental value rather than the top of the range laptops or sound systems. But women and men can differ on priorities.

Both men and women would abandon jewellery and technology to save family pictures, says insurer Admiral whose new survey shows if only allowed one item, it would be photo albums.

After photos, however, the genders think differently. Women prioritise wedding and engagement rings, framed photographs, and items made by children or grandchildren. Women also want to save certificates – birth, marriage and education successes – despite easy replaceability.

Men place lower value on wedding jewellery – many men do not wear any – but want to save watches, laptops, and vinyl collections.

Both women and men rate mobile phones as the sixth most important item to salvage.

Surprisingly, those aged 18-24 are sentimental about books – these are in their top five treasured possessions.

And those aged 25-34 are keen to keep exam certificates because these are still important for job applications. This age group is also the most enthusiastic in saving audio equipment – even though it can often be replaced with better and should be covered by insurance.

The bad news for insurers is that two out of three would rather

Which?

ditch expensive items for sentimental things – which can mean bigger claims.

The point of all this is to check you know where the most important items for you are kept. And that you are adequately insured.

The good news is, home insurance premiums seem to have stopped increasing. Over the past three months, they have fallen slightly – although remain higher than a year ago, according to the AA's British Insurance

Premium Index. This measures buildings cover, contents insurance and combined policies.

The average quote for a combined buildings and contents policy increased by 4.8% or £7.36 to £161.75 over the last year, although over the first quarter of 2018 fell by 0.3% or 42p.

The increase is largely due to higher insurance premium tax – it has doubled since 2015 – and insurer fears of climate change.

MEMORIES MEAN THE MOST

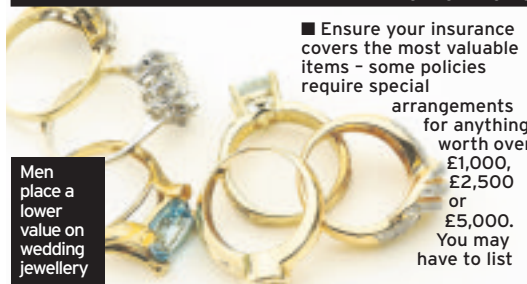


We all agree that family photos and mementoes are our most valuable items as insurance can replace the rest



Aged 25-34? Certificates, far left, and hi-fi are high on your list

SIX STEPS TO KEEPING THOSE PRECIOUS ITEMS SAFE



Men place a lower value on wedding jewellery

■ Ensure your insurance covers the most valuable items – some policies require special

arrangements for anything worth over £1,000, £2,500 or £5,000. You may have to list

these or insure them separately.

■ Back up receipts and photos of valuables on cloud-based computer storage. These can help speed up insurance claims.

■ Don't forget garden sheds, garages or outhouses. Items here are

often worth more than you think. It could cost over £5,000 to replace goods lost in a fire or theft.

■ Take photos of what's in a family album and store them on a cloud-based application. If the worst happens, they can be reproduced that way.

■ If you buy an expensive watch or jewellery, add it to your insurance at once – if you wait until renewal time, you won't be covered in case of disaster.

■ Insurance cannot compensate for sentimental value – only give you back either a copy of the item or cash.

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YOUR HOME

Giving a room a style revamp is one of life's joys – but it can also be a daunting task if you're not sure where to start, or lack confidence in your colour choices, for instance.

The great thing is, it's perfectly OK to 'borrow' tried-and-tested approaches from the experts, whether that's trawling Pinterest and Instagram for inspiration, browsing through glossy magazines, or even studying how shop displays have been styled up.

To make things even easier – to mark its 10th anniversary, leading homewares haven, Homesense (homesense.com), has invited a host of industry experts to share some of their personal top tips for curating fabulous settings.

Here, six interior style pros reveal simple tricks and secrets, along with some examples of how they've styled up items from Homesense's eclectic – and largely budget-friendly – range for inspiration...

1 Diana Civil: Interior stylist and art director

■ **No fail colour scheming:** "If you're unsure how to choose a starting point for a decorating scheme. A simple

trick is to buy one fabric item that you love for the room – for example, a patterned cushion or curtain for the living room, or duvet cover for the bedroom – then use these as the template for the room scheme," says Diana, whose career includes stints as art director on magazines including Good Homes, Ideal Home and House Beautiful.

"Designers do a lot of research making sure colours work perfectly, so you know it's a tried and tested colour combination because the designer has done the matching for you."

"Pick two or three colours from the design and colour match the tones for the key elements in the room – it's a simple trick that works every time."

■ Fake plants, real impact:

"Artificial plants are my top styling secret of the moment – not only do they add an instant splash of colour and burst of greenery, they can really up the wow factor in a room," Diana adds.

"Fake foliage has moved on a long way from the naff plastic of the past and is now amazing and realistic."

"Go all out with height and structure, with oversized plants such as cheese plants, palms or cacti, group together a collection of smaller plants to style up a tabletop, windowsill or mantelpiece, or add an artistic flourish with a collection of hanging plants for a garden-like feature wall."

2 Cassandra Lisa

Marie Doyle: Interior stylist and trend researcher

■ **Do neutral with a twist:** "Sage is becoming the new neutral, which works perfectly in a bedroom. Curate your space using a muted colour palette; use velvet for a



Tranquil blue chair, £129.99; Ocean floor lamp, £79.99; Dipped jug, £19.99; Coastal faux flower, £2.99; Chill-out cushion, £24.99

statement soft furnishing in trending emerald green or ochre," suggests Cassandra, whose work includes creating trend-led set design and sourcing props for photography and TV advertising.

"Statement ceilings are a big trend this year," she adds.

"Paint the coving and ceiling above in a darker complementary colour to the walls, or be brave and go for a complete contrast. If you're lucky enough to have high ceilings, you can do the reverse."

"Paint the ceiling, coving, and a foot or two below in crisp white and your walls stunning sage"

■ **Little details:** "Try adding a picture shelf the full length of one wall, using oversized prints to add a sense of height."

"Group small accessories together in odd numbers, which will appear more pleasing to the eye."

3 Georgia Gold: Interior and lifestyle photographer

■ **Simplicity is key:** "I love colour but one of my best-kept photography secrets is to go back to basics."

"Make sure you leave empty space when putting a room or area of your home together."

"It will naturally create a focus, a balanced setting and gives an opportunity to let the product speak for itself."

4 Emily Dawe: Interior stylist, writer and craft designer

■ **Colour co-ord:**

"If you have a lot of books, grouping them together by colour can look really striking," says Emily.

"You don't have to necessarily create a whole rainbow, but by stacking all the blue books together, or all the green books etc, you will make your shelves look more uniform and it will create a real visual impact."

■ **DIY style:** "Create one of those expensive fluffy stools at a fraction of the price."

"It seems so simple, but if you get an inexpensive stool (if it has hairpin



legs, then even better), attach a fluffy cushion to the top of it."

"You may need to use a circular cushion pad, then attach the excess fabric to the underside with a staple gun. And voila – chic on a shoestring!"

5 Aurelien Farjon: Prop stylist and set designer

■ **Picture play:** "If you want to create an arrangement of different picture frames on the wall,

cut sheets of paper the size of the picture frames and stick those out on the wall first with Blu-Tack. This will allow you to test and try different heights," says Aurelien. "It will also allow you to step back and decide if it's correct before drilling into the wall."

"Make sure the paper is a different enough colour to the wall – for example, brown paper on light walls, white paper on dark walls."



EXPERT OPINIONS

Want to create a Pinterest - or magazine-worthy setting?
As Homesense turns 10, industry pros tell
GABRIELLE FAGAN how they do it



6 Theoda Solms Iles: Interiors and event stylist, writer and blogger

■ **Seasonal switch:**

"Getting bored with your living or bedroom? Change your cushions and rug seasonally," says Theoda. "Update rooms with pretty summery cushions in linens and cottons for your summer look, and replace them in colder months with velvets, weaves and woollen cushions. "Don't stress about where to store the extra set, use the same cushion inners, ideally feather-filled pads, for both summer and winter sets, this way you only end up having to store the cushion covers, nicely folded up with the rest of your linen."

"The same can be done with a floor rug, especially now that flatware rugs are so trendy. They roll or fold up pretty small and can be stored under a bed or in the back of a cupboard."

"The difference a seasonal rug change makes, is priceless."



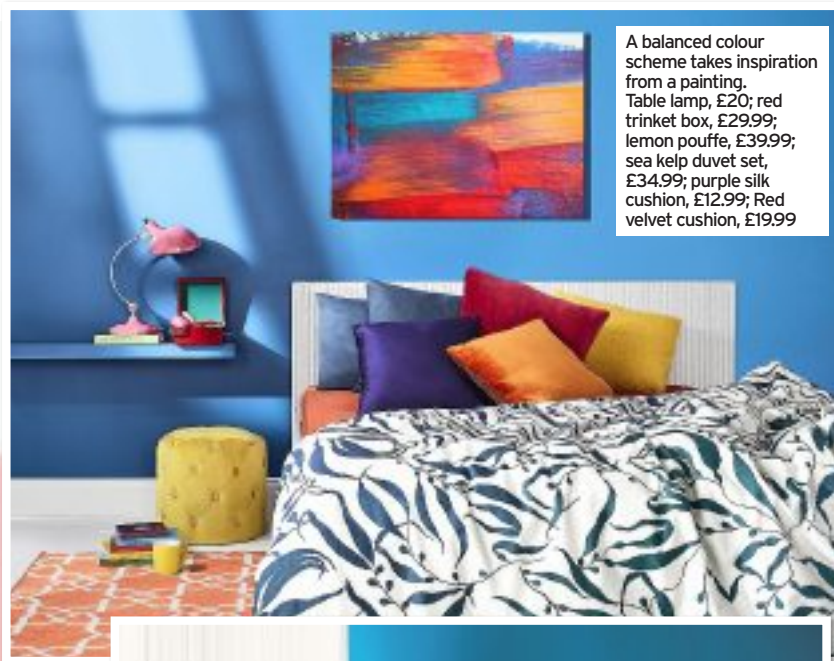
This setting shows how soft sage – a grey green – is well complemented by pinks and metallic touches. Pink chair, £179.99; glass flamingo ornament, £19.99; monochrome side table, £39.99



Grey velvet sofa, £499.99; mirror topped coffee table, £99.99; gold cage light pendant, £39.99.

*All items available from Homesense (homesense.com)

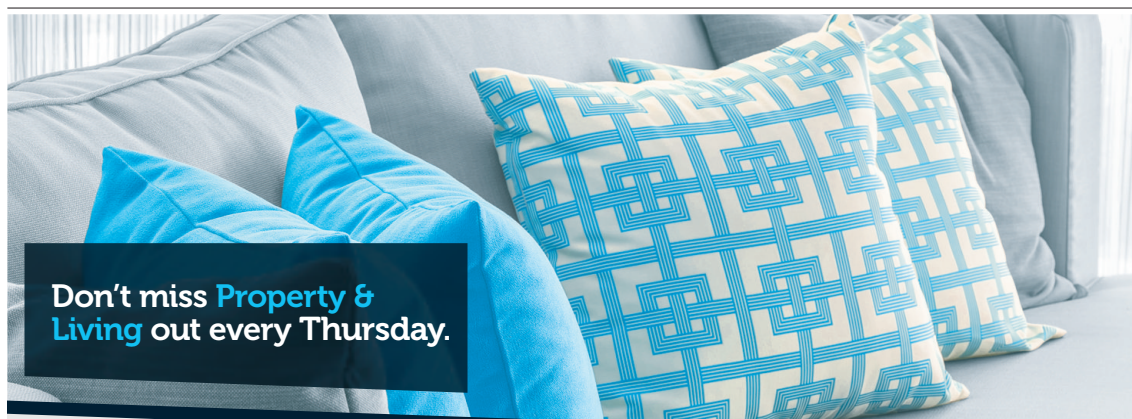
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A balanced colour scheme takes inspiration from a painting. Table lamp, £20; red trinket box, £29.99; lemon pouffe, £39.99; sea kelp duvet set, £34.99; purple silk cushion, £12.99; Red velvet cushion, £19.99



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• Gardens & Parking • Courtyard Setting
• Two Bathrooms • EPC Rating: E



£950,000
MULBERRY GREEN, OLD HARLOW
• Four Bedrooms • Gardens & Studio
• Three Receptions • Fine Location
• Study / Playroom • EPC Rating: E



£279,000
QUARRY SPRING, HARLOW
• Three Bedrooms • Popular Location
• End Terrace • Chain Free
• Large Kitchen • EPC Rating: TBC



£310,000
HULL GROVE, HARLOW
• Three Bedroom • Kitchen/Diner
• Ground Floor Wc • End Of Terrace
• Backing On To Fields • EPC Rating: TBC



£319,995
OLD ORCHARD, HARLOW
• Three Bedrooms • Two Receptions
• Mid Terrace • Garage & Driveway
• Chain Free • EPC Rating: TBC



£510,000
HAWKENBURY, HARLOW
• Four Bedrooms • Heavily Extended
• Semi Detached • Garage & Driveway
• Two Receptions • EPC Rating: C



£895,000
LATTON COMMON, HARLOW
• Five Bedrooms • Detached House
• Three Receptions • Gated Entrance
• Private Location • EPC Rating: C



£775 PCM
GUILFORDS, OLD HARLOW
• One Bedroom • Available Late May
• End Floor • Other Fees Apply
• Allocated Parking • EPC Rating: D



£800 PCM
KITSON WAY, HARLOW
• One Bedroom • Available Mid May
• Modern Specification • Other Fees Apply
• White Goods Included • EPC Rating: B



£850 PCM
CHURCHGATE STREET, HARLOW
• Large Double Bedroom • Available Now
• Part Furnished • Other Fees Apply
• Road Parking • EPC Rating: E



£975 PCM
TORKILDSSEN WAY, HARLOW
• Two Bedrooms • Allocated Parking
• Top Floor • Other Fees Apply
• Light And Spacious • EPC Rating: B



£1,000 PCM
GLADWIN WAY, HARLOW
• Two Bedrooms • Available Mid April
• Spacious Apartment • Other Fees Apply
• Close to all Amenities • EPC Rating: C

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£235,000

CHURCH LANGLEY (Chelsea Gardens)

2 bedroom first floor apartment with a good size living room, balcony, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, family bathroom, good length lease. Vacant possession and no onward chain. Sole agents.



£269,950

OLD HARLOW (Riverside Court)

2 bedroom apartment on a riverside location with fine views. Gated private development. Walking distance of train station. Luxury kitchen and bathroom, 2 bedrooms, living/dining room, allocated parking. Sole agents.



£289,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Atherton End)

2 bedroom semi-detached home with a driveway and parking. Offered with vacant possession and no onward chain. 10 mins walk from village centre and short walk to station. Keys available for viewing. Sole agents.



£289,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (West Road)

Extended and fully renovated 2 bedroom cottage with views to rear over rolling countryside. Sitting room, kitchen, shower room, rear garden with stunning views. Short walk to village centre and station. Sole agents.



£340,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Queens Close)

Immaculately maintained and extended 3 bedroom home with views to rear. Large living room, kitchen, conservatory, luxury bath/shower room, downstairs w.c. Close to facilities and schooling. Sole agents.



£345,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Northfield Road)

3 bedroom home with a large corner garden and scope to extend (stp). Sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, approximate 45ft rear garden, potential for driveway (stp). Sole agents.



£367,500

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (White Post Field)

3-4 bedroom home with a driveway and parking for 2 cars. Short walk to village centre and schools. Modern kitchen, large conservatory, sitting room, study/ground floor bedroom 4, landscaped rear garden. Sole agents.



£400,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (West Road)

3-4 bedroom townhouse with a 5 mins walk to the village centre and close to Mandeville school. Approximate 35ft south facing garden, open plan kitchen/family room, extended to rear, single garage, driveway and parking for 2 cars. Sole agents.



£420,000

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (School Lane)

All offers considered. Vacant possession and no chain. 3-4 bedroom townhouse with a large kitchen/family room, en-suite plus family bathroom, garage, off-street parking. Close to schools. Keys held for immediate viewing.



£459,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Willowmead)

Beautifully presented 3-4 bedroom townhouse with a 45ft garden. Versatile accommodation, ideal for an elderly relative or teenager. Town centre location, close to schools and walking distance to station. Sole agents.



£489,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Station Road)

Beautifully presented 3 double bedroom period house on a raised position in the centre of Sawbridgeworth. Good size sitting room, large dining/family room, kitchen, off-street parking, garden and period features. 5 mins to station. Sole agents.



£549,950

SPELLBROOK

3-4 bedroom semi-detached home on a large plot. Plenty of parking to front, double garage to the side, large garden, former yard which could be used for a business (stp), loft with potential to develop. Sole agents.



£649,950

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Great Hyde Hall)

Unique elegant home with 3 bedrooms. Interiorly designed throughout with generous ceiling heights and sash windows. Set in 42 acres of communal grounds including tennis courts, bowls green and cricket ground. 10 mins walk to station. Beautiful views over nurtured garden.



£1,175,000

GREAT DUNMOW (Ongar Road)

Beautiful barn conversion in excess of 4,000 sq ft. Spacious accommodation. Luxuriously appointed. Independent 1 bedroom cottage. Excellent parking and beautiful views. 5 mins to A120 and 10 mins to Felsted. Vacant possession. Joint sole agents.



PRICE GUIDE £1,200,000

HATFIELD HEATH

5-6 bedroom 1930's detached home on a mature 1.2 acre plot. Period features, 28ft garage/workshop, brick barn, excellent parking, scope for further extension (stp). Vacant possession offered.



£675pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Station Road)

One bedroom first floor apartment situated in a central location close to town centre, short walk to station, comprises recently refitted kitchen with small breakfast area, good size living room, two bedrooms to the first floor plus recently refitted family bathroom, courtyard rear garden.



£695pcm

BRAINTREE (Coggeshall Road)

2 bedroom first floor, unfurnished, maisonette in the popular location of Coggeshall Road, only a short distance from shops and access to the A120. Entrance hall, shower room, two bedrooms, fitted kitchen and living room. Available now.



£795pcm

CHURCH LANGLEY (Aynsley Gardens)

Unfurnished one bedroom first floor apartment in a convenient location. Entrance hall with useful storage, good size living room opening to kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom. Outside there is one allocated parking space.



£825pcm

ELSENHAM (The Croft)

One bedroom 'upside down' house, immaculately presented throughout and close to station. Entrance hall, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, conservatory and bathroom. To the first floor is a bright open plan living room and kitchen. Good size rear garden and parking.



£950pcm

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Apton Fields)

Two bedroom character cottage with good size enclosed rear. Ideally located close to Bishop's Stortford's town centre. Sitting room, kitchen, two good size bedrooms, bathroom, good size rear garden, fully double glazed throughout. Available now.



£995pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Church Street)

2 bedroom unfurnished period cottage in a central location close to town centre, short walk to station, comprises recently refitted kitchen with small breakfast area, good size living room, two bedrooms to the first floor plus recently refitted family bathroom, courtyard rear garden.



£1150pcm

NEWPORT (Station Road)

2 bedroom character cottage just meters from station. 2 reception rooms and galley kitchen, bathroom and double bedroom to the first floor and a further double bedroom to the second floor. South facing rear garden. Available now.



£1295pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Rosina Court)

A well-presented 2 bedroom 2 bathroom ground floor apartment with its own private decked garden. There is allocated parking and the property is a stone's throw from the train station. Unfurnished and available with 2 weeks notice.



£1495pcm

SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bickerton Court)

1200sqft duplex apartment in a newly constructed development only a short walk to the station. Comprising huge lounge/dining room with balcony, fitted kitchen, 2 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. Parking, gas fired central heating.



£3500pcm

BISHOPS STORTFORD (Nightingales)

A 3000sq ft five bed period property with two luxury en-suite shower rooms and a family bathroom. 4 reception rooms, a large kitchen/family room, downstairs w.c. Double garage. Only an 8 minute walk to station. Available now.

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EPC BAND B, £385,000



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HARLOW,
EPC BAND B, £1650 PCM*



HIGH WYCH,
EPC BAND E, £400,000



SAWBRIDGEWORTH,
EPC BAND D, £1350 PCM*



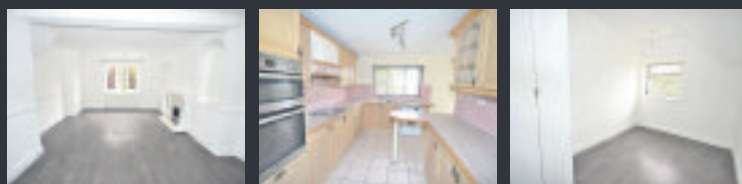
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EPC BAND B, £900 PCM*



HARLOW,
EPC BAND D, £340,000

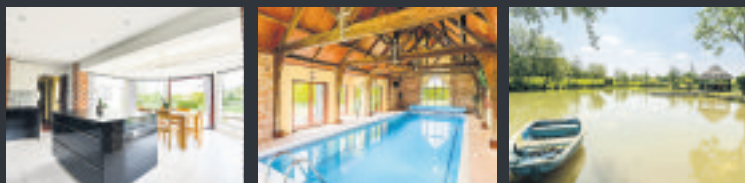
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NEW



HOME CLOSE, HARLOW

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Two/Three Receptions
- Chain Free
- Detached Home
- Exclusive Location
- Mature Southerly Gardens
- EPC Rating: TBC

£500,000

NEW



BURLEY HILL, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Garage & Driveway
- Detached House
- Two En-Suites
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: D

£464,995

NEW



FINDINGS LANE, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Lounge/Diner
- NHBC Warranty
- End Terrace House
- Ensuite To Master
- Desirable Location
- EPC Rating: B

£350,000

NEW



EDMUNDS TOWER, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Modern Kitchen
- Town Centre Location
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- 8th Floor
- Ideal Buy To Let
- EPC Rating: TBC

£124,995



CHELSEA GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Six Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower
- Garage & Drive
- Utility & W.C
- Riptide Swim Spa
- EPC Rating: TBC

£549,995



WHALEBONE COTTAGES, HASTINGWOOD

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Two Receptions
- Immaculate Home
- End Terrace Cottage
- Driveway
- Extended Property
- EPC Rating: D

£499,995



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Immaculate Home
- Garage & Drive
- Detached Home
- En-Suite Shower
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£415,000



DENBY GRANGE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Chain Free
- Detached House
- Garage & Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£374,995



LATTON GREEN, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Driveway
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Semi Detached
- Popular Location
- Potential To Extend (STPP)
- EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995



CLIFTON HATCH, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Lounge/Diner
- NHBC Warranty Remaining
- Middle Terrace
- Modern Throughout
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£300,000



MARKWELL WOOD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- End Of Terrace
- South/West Facing Garden
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£289,995



MALKIN DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom/W.C
- Garage To Rear
- Terraced Home
- Croudeace Build
- Southerly Gardens
- EPC Rating: C

£289,995



RADBURN CLOSE, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Popular Location
- Two Receptions
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Southerly Garden
- Potential Driveway
- EPC Rating: E

£275,000



SILVESTERS, HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Backs Onto Allotments
- Garage En Bloc
- Terraced House
- Low Maintenance Garden
- Outskirts Of Town
- EPC Rating: C

£270,000



DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY

- Two Bedroom
- Kitchen/Diner
- Modern Bathroom
- Own Parking
- Terraced Home
- Landscaped Garden
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: C

£269,995



JOCELYNS, OLD HARLOW

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Close To Station
- Chain Free
- First Floor
- Apartment
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£219,995



MILESTONE ROAD, NEWHALL

- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Open Plan Living
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Popular Location
- Intercom Entry System
- EPC Rating: C

£219,995



CHELSEA GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY


- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Balcony
- Well Presented
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

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<p>NEW</p>  <p>THE PLASHETS, SHEERING</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Bedrooms • Village Location • Kitchen/Diner • Conservatory • Middle Terrace • Well Presented • Overlooking Green • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£299,995</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>FELMONGERS, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Bedrooms • Immaculate Throughout • Two Receptions • Chain Free • Middle Terrace • Desirable Location • Overlooks Small Green • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£295,000</p>	<p>NEW</p>  <p>SYCAMORE FIELD, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Double Bedroom • Well Presented • Lounge/Diner • Chain Free • Second Floor Apartment • Secure Door Entry System • Popular Location • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£157,500</p>
 <p>PARK AVENUE, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Bedrooms • Three Receptions • Large Gardens • Garage & Driveway • Semi Detached • Extended Property • Rarely Available • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£489,995</p>	 <p>UPPER PARK, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four/Five Bedrooms • Two Receptions • Extended • Garage & Driveway • Semi Detached • Immaculate Home • Desirable Location • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£484,995</p>	 <p>TICKENHALL DRIVE, CHURCH LANGLEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Bedrooms • Kitchen/Diner • Popular Location • Garage & Driveway • Detached Home • En-Suite Shower • Westerly Garden • EPC Rating: D <p>£450,000</p>
 <p>PRIORY COURT, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four Bedrooms • Recently Redecorated • Driveway • Overlooking Lattin Common • Town House • Ensuite To Master • Private Close • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£330,000</p>	 <p>PURFORD GREEN, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Double Bedrooms • Driveway For Two Cars • Well Presented • Kitchen/Diner • Middle Terrace • Popular Location • Utility Room • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£315,000</p>	 <p>THE CHANTRY, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Double Bedrooms • Immaculate Throughout • Two Receptions • Landscaped Garden • Middle Terrace • Desirable Location • Cloakroom/WC • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£309,995</p>
 <p>DOULTON CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Bedrooms • Lounge/Diner • 40ft Garden (Approx) • Garage En-Bloc • End Terrace • Popular Location • White Bathroom-Suite • EPC Rating: D <p>£284,995</p>	 <p>ABBEYDALE CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Bedrooms • Modern Kitchen • Lounge/Diner • Allocated Parking • Terraced House • Westerly Garden • Popular Location • EPC Rating: C <p>£284,995</p>	 <p>QUARRY SPRING, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Bedrooms • Kitchen/Diner • Popular Location • Double Driveway • Terraced Home • Ground Floor W.C • Southerly Garden • EPC Rating: B <p>£280,000</p>
 <p>PRIMROSE FIELD, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Bedrooms • Loft Room • Kitchen/Diner • Popular Location • Middle Terrace House • Porch Extension • Well Presented • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£259,995</p>	 <p>SPENCERS CROFT, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Double Bedrooms • Modern Kitchen • Well Presented • Quiet Cul-De-Sac • Middle Terrace • Open Plan • Popular Location • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£249,995</p>	 <p>ALEXANDRA ROAD, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Bedrooms • Allocated Parking • Open Plan Kitchen/Diner • First Floor • Apartment • Popular Location • Large Loft • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£219,995</p>
 <p>COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two Bedrooms • Allocated Parking • Lounge/Diner • First Floor • Apartment • Popular Location • Communal Garden • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£215,000</p>	 <p>HIGH ELMS, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Bedroom • Allocated Parking • Open Plan • Chain Free • First Floor Apartment • Well Presented • Popular Location • EPC Rating: TBC <p>£164,995</p>	 <p>REGENCY COURT, HARLOW</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Bedroom • Lounge/Diner • Communal Garden • Chain Free • Ground Floor • Apartment • Residents Parking • EPC Rating: D <p>£149,995</p>

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SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**




PADDOCK MEAD, HARLOW **£419,995**

- Four Bedrooms
- Immaculate Throughout
- Large Driveway
- Open Plan Kitchen
- End Terrace House
- Utility Room
- Ground Floor Shower Room
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**




LODGE HALL, HARLOW **£335,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Garage & Driveway
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Immaculate Throughout
- Semi Detached House
- Modern Kitchen/Diner
- Ensuite Shower Room
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Bowhill Way, Harlow **£335,000**

- Five Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Close To Town Centre
- Chain Free
- End Terrace Town House
- HMO
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Malkin Drive, Church Langley **£295,000**

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Garage & Parking
- Terraced House
- En-Suite Shower
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED**



Abbotsweld, Harlow **£270,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- 40ft Garden
- Terraced Home
- Close To Schools
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: TBC

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED** **PETERSWOOD, HARLOW**



- Three Bedrooms
- Originally A Two Bed
- Kitchen/Diner
- Chain Free
- End Of Terrace
- Immaculate Home
- Double Driveway
- EPC Rating: D

£264,995

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED** **CLIFTON HATCH, HARLOW**



- Two Bedrooms
- Two Private Gardens
- Open Plan Living
- NHBC Warranty
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Allocated Parking
- Telephone Entry System
- EPC Rating: B

£245,000

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED** **MORLEY GROVE, HARLOW**



- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Well Presented
- Central Location
- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Residents Parking
- EPC Rating: TBC

£199,995

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED** **MOORFIELD, HARLOW**



- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor
- Balcony
- CHAIN FREE
- Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- EPC Rating: C

£174,995

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED** **LADYSHOT, HARLOW**



- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Own Balcony
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Second Floor
- Outside Storage
- EPC Rating: D

£154,995

SOLD STC **MORE NEEDED** **THE MALLORIES, HARLOW**



- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Balcony
- Chain Free
- Apartment
- Third Floor
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC

£149,995

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TO LET




PEACOCKS, HARLOW £1,250 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Modern Kitchen
- White Goods Available
- Allocated Parking
- End Of Terrace
- Unfurnished
- Available Now
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET




RAM GORSE, HARLOW £1,200 P.C.M

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Close To Town
- Unfurnished
- Middle Terrace
- Sorry No DSS
- Available Early May
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET



Chamberlain Close, Church Langley £950 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Available May 2018
- Allocated Parking
- First Floor Maisonette
- Popular Location
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC

TO LET



Aynsley Gardens, Church Langley £900 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Available NOW
- Apartment
- Top Floor
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: F

TO LET



Bentley Drive, Church Langley £895 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Unfurnished
- Recently Re-Decorated
- Ground Floor Flat
- Available Beg May 2018
- Allocated Parking
- EPC Rating: C

TO LET



CHURCH END, HARLOW £775 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Ground Floor
- Unfurnished
- Apartment
- Available in February
- Own Garden
- EPC Rating: D

TO LET



MARKWELL WOOD, HARLOW £725 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- Popular Location
- Available End Of June
- Allocated Parking
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Unfurnished
- Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: TBC

LET AGREED MORE NEEDED



WAYSIDE FARM, HARLOW £2,100 P.C.M

- Five Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Driveway
- Immaculate Throughout
- Available June 2018
- Fantastic Detached Home
- Overlooking Harlow Common
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating: TBC

LET AGREED MORE NEEDED



WEDHEY, HARLOW £1,395 P.C.M

- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Close To Hospital
- Available Mid April
- Terraced Home
- Plenty Of Parking
- Part Furnished
- EPC Rating: C

LET AGREED MORE NEEDED



PARSONAGE LEYS, HARLOW £850 P.C.M

- Two Bedrooms
- Unfurnished
- White Goods Available
- Top (1st) Floor Flat
- Available Now
- Sorry No DSS
- Fees Apply
- EPC Rating: E

LET AGREED MORE NEEDED



THE HAND & CROWN, HIGH WYCH £800 P.C.M

- One Bedroom
- Available Now
- Allocated Parking
- Period Features
- First Floor Apartment
- Part Or Unfurnished
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: TBC



New
Instruction

NETTESWELL ORCHARD

£245,000

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Duplex Apartment
- Full Width Front Balcony
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Large Lounge/Diner
- Close to Town Park, Station, Shops & Hospital



TAYLIFERS OIEO £140,000

- CHAIN FREE
- First Floor Flat
- Double Glazed
- Lounge 13'6" x 9'7"
- Kitchen 7'9" x 5'10"
- Bathroom
- Current Vendor to Refurbish Property



MOORFIELD £150,000

- One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- Large Kitchen & Lounge Diner
- Modern Fitted Bathroom
- No Onward Chain
- Gas Central Heating
- Outskirts of Harlow
- Walking Distance to Shops



New
Price

BARN MEAD

OIEO £275,000

- Three Bedroom Home
- Mid Terrace
- Large Lounge Diner
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Close to Local Amenities & Schools
- Double Glazing



MOORFIELD OIEO £150,000

- One Bedroom
- Top Floor Flat
- Communal Parking
- Large Lounge
- Double Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Well Presented



BERECROFT POA

- Rarely Available
- One Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- In Need of Full Refurbishment
- Lounge 16'0" x 12'0"
- No CHAIN



MARKWELL WOOD £169,995

- One Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Extended Lease
- Electric Heating
- Open Plan Kitchen with Breakfast Bar
- Good Size Bedroom
- Modern Bathroom
- Suite
- No Onward Chain



ASH TREE FIELD £245,000

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home
- Popular Location
- Ideal First Time or Investment Buy
- South Facing Garden
- Lounge Diner
- Chain Free
- Close to Train Station, Hospital & Town Centre
- Viewings Recommended



THE HIDES OIEO £250,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Chain Free
- Lounge
- Kitchen & Utility
- Good Size Rear Garden
- Close to Town
- Centre
- Viewings Recommended



ST ANDREWS MDW £265,000

- Two Bedroom End of Terrace Home
- Potential to Extend (STPP)
- Gas Central Heating
- Large Lounge Diner
- Allocated Parking
- Space
- No Onward Chain
- Close to Local Amenities
- Ideal First Time or Investment Purchase



BUSH FAIR OIEO £275,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Kitchen Diner
- Utility Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Lounge
- Bathroom & Separate WC



POTTER STREET £275,000

- No Onward Chain
- Rarely Available
- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge 12'1" x 18'3"
- Kitchen 8'7" x 5'11"
- South Facing
- Garden
- Set on Private Road



New
Price

THE DOWNS

OIRO £279,995

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Bespoke Fitted Kitchen
- Reception & Lounge
- Rear Garden Approximately 40ft
- Recently Fitted Bathroom
- Well Presented Throughout
- Close to Town Centre
- Viewings Recommended



PRIORY COURT £275,000

- Three Bedroom Town House
- Own Drive
- Close to Schools & Amenities
- Good Size Garden
- Downstairs
- Cloakroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge & Dining Area



QUARRY SPRING £280,000

- Three Bedroom Home
- Mid Terrace
- Off Street Parking
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Downstairs
- Cloakroom & Study Area
- Close to All Amenities



WESTFIELD OIEO £280,000

- Two Bedroom Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Double Bedrooms
- Off Street Parking for One Car
- Fitted Bathroom
- Lounge 15'5" x 11'2"



Must
View

SOPER SQUARE, NEW HALL

£285,000

- Two Bedrooms
- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bathrooms
- Balcony

- Large Lounge/Diner
- Popular New Hall Development
- Allocated parking Space



GUILFORDS

£300,000

- Three Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Lounge
- Double Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Downstairs WC
- Close to Train Station



OLD HARLOW

Guide price **£300,000**

- Two Bedroom Chalet
- Semi-Detached
- Chain Free
- Large Garden
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- Allocated Parking Space



MALKIN DRIVE

£295,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Ensuite to Bedroom One
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Garage
- Viewings Recommended



WOODWARDS

£299,995

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Well Presented Throughout
- Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge Diner
- Bathroom & Separate WC
- Close to Town Centre
- Close to Schools & Amenities



New
Instruction

SPARROWHAWK WAY, NEW HALL

£425,000

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom Detached Family Home
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Driveway to Front

- Modern Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Lounge 13'1 x 11'9
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Close to all amenities



New
Instruction

FINDINGS LANE, NEW HALL

£340,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- End of Terrace
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge

- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- En-Suite to Bedroom One
- Drive & Allocated Parking Space
- Viewings Recommended



FIFTH AVENUE

Offers over **£370,000**

- Three Bedroom Home
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Kitchen Diner
- Lounge
- Converted Garage
- Allocated Parking



NAZEING

OIEO £450,000

- Three/Four bedroom Property
- Potential for loft conversion (subject to planning)
- Parking for five vehicles
- Double Glazing & GCH
- Spacious Lounge/dining area
- Family friendly rear garden
- Two annexes in garden area offering both living & ac



OLD HARLOW

£399,995

- Three Bedroom Detached Home
- Heart of Old Harlow
- No Onward Chain
- Easy Access to all Amenities
- Good Size Lounge
- En-Suite Shower Room to Master Bedroom
- Neatly Enclosed Courtyard Style Rear Garden



CHURCH LANGLEY

OIRO £499,995

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached Home
- Garage Conversion
- Conservatory
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Driveway for Multiple Vehicles
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Close to all Local Amenities



CHALLINOR

£349,995

- Three Bedroom House
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge 14'7 x 15'7
- Recently Fitted Kitchen
- Newly Fitted
- Bathroom
- Triple Glazed Throughout
- Close to All Amenities



FYFIELD, ONGAR

£400,000

- Two Bedroom Split Level Apartment
- Superb Location
- Contemporary Style Kitchen
- En-Suite to Bedroom One
- Courtyard Garden
- Grade II Listed
- Set on Beautiful Grounds



OAKLANDS DRIVE

£575,000

- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Conservatory
- Separate Dining & Large Lounge
- Large Garden
- Garage & Drive
- Kitchen & Utility area



NEWMANS END £2,500 PCM

- Four Bedrooms
- Modern Property
- En-Suite To Master
- EPC Rating To Follow
- Must Be Viewed
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Stunning Property
- Available Now.



MARKET HOUSE £1,350 PCM

- Sawbridgeworth
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Gated Parking
- One Allocated Parking Space
- Close To All Amenities
- Ground Floor
- Stunning Property
- Must Be Viewed
- Available Mid May 2018

NEW LISTING



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SIDNEY TERRACE £950 PCM

- Bishops Stortford
- Gas Central Heating
- Two Bedrooms
- Available Now
- EPC Rating D
- Unfurnished
- Close To Town Centre & Train Station
- * Admin Fees Apply

NEW LISTING



BROMLEY CLOSE £925 PCM

- Two Bed Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Top Floor
- Integral Appliances
- One Allocated Parking Space
- Available Now
- EPC Rating E



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WAGON MEAD £900 PCM

- Hatfield Heath
- Village Location
- Three Bedrooms
- Large Property
- Unfurnished
- EPC Rating C
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available May

NEW LISTING



HORNBEAMS £675 PCM

- One Bed Flat
- Ground Floor
- White Goods Only
- Close To Town/Hospital
- EPC Rating D
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available End May

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COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY £400,000

- THREE BED DETACHED
- GARAGE & DRIVEWAY
- EN-SUITE
- TWO RECEPTION ROOMS
- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- POPULAR LOCATION
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



GREEN HILLS, HARLOW £285,000

- THREE BED END TERRACE
- SOUTH FACING GARDEN
- CLOSE TO TOWN CENTRE
- CLOAKROOM
- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



JOCELYNS, OLD HARLOW £340,000

- THREE BED TERRACE
- DRIVEWAY & GARAGE
- POPULAR AREA
- NEW BATHROOM SUITE
- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



HORNBEAMS, HARLOW £232,500

- TWO BED MAISONETTE
- SPLIT LEVEL
- IMMACULATE CONDITION
- PRIVATE REAR GARDEN
- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- NO ONWARD CHAIN
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



ALEXANDER MEWS, HARLOW £338,000

- TWO BED TERRACE HOUSE
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- GATED ENTRANCE
- LUXURY FITTED KITCHEN
- GAS HEATING
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



MILL COURT, HARLOW £200,000

- TWO BEDROOM FLAT
- FOURTH FLOOR
- MODERN FITTED KITCHEN
- NEXT TO STATION
- LONG LEASE
- UPVC D/GLAZED WINDOWS
- VIEWINGS RECOMMENDED
- INTERNAL PHOTOS ONLINE



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- EPC Rating: C



CHAIN FREE

Coalport Close

**O.I.E.O
£220,000**

- A Two Bedroom Ground Floor Flat
- CHAIN FREE
- Allocated Parking
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: D



NEW INSTRUCTION

Coalport Close

£280,000

- Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two Allocated Spaces
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Time Buyers
- TLC Required
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Bentley Drive

£365,000

- Three Bedroom House
- CHAIN FREE
- Parking For One Vehicle
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- EPC Rating: C



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Ashworth Place

**O.I.E.O
£375,000**

- Three Bedroom Link Detached House
- CHAIN FREE
- Garage & Driveway For One Vehicle
- Ground Floor W/C
- Conservatory
- E.P.C. Rating: D



CHAIN FREE

Ashworth Place

**O.I.R.O
£375,000**

- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Garage & Driveway For Two Vehicles
- Double Glazing Throughout
- Fitted Family Bathroom
- Fitted Wardrobes To The Master Bedroom
- EPC Rating: D



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Elmbridge Hall

£400,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- CHAIN FREE
- Split Level
- Grade II Listed Building
- Private Garden
- EPC Rating: C



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Parkside

£614,950

- Three Bedroom Semi - Detached House
- En-suite To Master Bedroom
- Extended To Rear
- Gated Entrance
- 1 Mile To Epping Train Station
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



NEW INSTRUCTION

Victoria Gate

£295,000

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- Conservatory To Rear
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Secluded Rear Garden
- Double Glazing Throughout
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



NEW INSTRUCTION

Aynsley Gardens

£295,000

- Two Bedroom Mid Terrace House
- CHAIN FREE
- Downstairs WC
- Driveway For One Vehicle
- Secluded Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: C



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Pegrams Court

£254,950

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- A Garage En - Bloc
- Approx. 25ft Secluded Rear Garden
- CHAIN FREE
- Downstairs WC
- EPC Rating: C



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Long Banks

O.I.E.O
£260,000

- A Two Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Utility Room
- Outbuilding With Power And Electric
- uPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- EPC Rating: C



CHAIN FREE

The Readings

£265,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace Family Home
- Utility Room
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- Larger Than Average Lounge/ Diner
- uPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Throughout
- EPC Rating: D



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Westfield

O.I.E.O
£270,000

- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Situated In A Residential Cul - De - Sac
- Large Kitchen/ Diner
- Approx 45ft Secluded Rear Garden
- First Floor Wet Room With A Walk In Shower
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



CHAIN FREE

Sycamore Field

O.I.R.O
£275,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace Family Home
- South Facing Rear Garden With Rear Access
- CHAIN FREE
- Separate Living & Dining Rooms
- Situated In A Residential Cul - De - Sac
- EPC Rating: C



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Dunstalls

O.I.E.O
£280,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- Lounge Through Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access
- Allocated Parking To Rear
- EPC Rating: D



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Barn Mead

O.I.E.O
£280,000

- A Three Bedroom Mid - Terrace Family Home
- Utility Room
- Larger Than Average Lounge/ Diner
- Approx. 50ft Rear Garden With Rear Access
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: Awaiting



VIEWINGS ADVISED

Quarry Springs

O.I.R.O
£325,000

- A Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- A Private Driveway For 2-3 Vehicles
- Located 0.6 miles Away From The Local Amenities
- Larger Than Average Rear Garden.
- Kitchen/ Diner
- EPC Rating: D



Canons Brook

£255,000

- A Two Bedroom Mid - Terrace House
- Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Approx. 120ft Secluded Rear Garden With Rear Access.
- Situated within a Residential Cul - De - Sac
- Potential To Extend To The Rear (STTP)
- EPC Rating: D



Hare Street

£500,000

- A Four Bedroom Detached Family House
- A Private Driveway For Three - Four Vehicles
- Approx. 150ft Secluded Rear Garden With Side Access
- Conservatory
- Approx 1.5miles From Harlow Train Station
- EPC Rating: B

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Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom top floor flat in The Hides. This property benefits from gas heating as well as being a short walk from the town center and other local amenities. EPC - E. Available early June.

£700 PCM

The Hides



Guardian are pleased to offer this one bedroom flat in Netteswell Tower within close walking distance to Harlow town, Station and PAH hospital. Early viewing is advised. EPC - D. Available mid May

£710 PCM

Netteswell Tower



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom, first floor flat in the private area of Regency Court. This property benefits from one allocated parking space, gas central heating and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - C. Available early July.

£750 PCM

Regency Court



Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat in the popular area of Bromley Close. This property benefits from allocated parking, good internal condition and is close to local shops and amenities. EPC - C. Available early June.

£750 PCM

Bromley Close



Guardian are delighted to offer this newly decorated one bedroom first floor apartment in the popular area of Church Langley. Comprising entrance hallway, newly installed bathroom suite with shower, lounge with Juliet balcony and fitted kitchen. EPC - D. Available mid May.

£825 PCM

Wedgewood Drive



Guardian Residential Lettings are delighted to present this two bedroom top floor flat with communal garden area in Hare Street Springs. The property comes unfurnished with just an oven and is heated via electric storage heaters. Central Town Location. EPC - D. Available early June.

£850 PCM

Hare Street Springs



Guardian are delighted to offer this two bedroom top floor flat in the ever popular location of Church Langley. This property benefits from gas heating, close to shops and amenities and includes kitchen white goods. EPC - C. Available mid June.

£885 PCM

Victoria Gate



Two bedroom split level maisonette overlooking Harlow Town park. Neutral decor throughout, modern fixtures and fittings and ample parking nearby. EPC - D. Available end May.

£950 PCM

Park Court



Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented three bedroom home in Potter Street, located just next to the M11 round about. This property benefits from a downstairs w/c, gas heating, large living space through out and is close to local shops and amenities. Includes oven/hob, fridge/freezer and a washing machine. EPC - D. Available mid June.

£1100 PCM

Potter Street



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house with conservatory. Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs bathroom, modern fitted kitchen, lounge, conservatory and three bedrooms to the first floor. Benefits from gas central heating and garden. EPC - D. Available mid July.

£1150 PCM

Canons Brook



Well maintained three bedroom terraced home in the sought after road of Barn Mead, popular with families. Comprising entrance hallway, downstairs WC, good size lounge, fitted kitchen, stairs leading to first floor, shower room and three bedrooms. Rear garden. EPC - D. Available early July.

£1175 PCM

Barn Mead



Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom house in the desirable area of Theydon Bois, a short walk to central line tube station. An ideal family home. Property comprising entrance hallway, downstairs WC, kitchen, lounge, three bedrooms and family bathroom. Benefits include garage, rear garden and gas central heating. EPC - D. Available early June.

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£117,500

Willowfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a well presented studio flat in the heart of Town Centre, close to transport links (bus and train station) local amenities. SOUGHT-AFTER private area, perfect for investors! Current tenant in situ since 2013. EPC: E

£132,500

Amberry Court, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a two bedroom top floor flat in Five Acres, close to Staple Tye, bus stop that goes straight to Harlow Town Station and Harlow Town, close to local amenities and schools. EPC: E

£174,995

Five Acres, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this Ground floor One bedroom flat in Sawbridgeworth. In a Private area with allocated parking. In Good condition Freshly decorated and appealing this would be ideal for first time buyers, investors or elderly person looking for a quiet life. EPC: D

£179,999

Hazel Gardens, Sawbridgeworth



Guardian are delighted to offer for sale this immaculate two bedroom first floor maisonette with a large private garden. Boasting two double bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen, modern bathroom and large rear garden with patio and decking area. EPC: D

£178,000

Cloverfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this lovely two bedroom mid terrace house in Copshall Close, Harlow. The house is located at the far end of a quiet cul-de-sac. There is one allocated parking spot outside the front door. EPC: C

£235,000

Copshall Close, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a three bedroom mid terrace house in Berecroft. Great first time buy or investment, current tenant paying £1,095.00 pcm. Double glazing, gas central heating. Downstairs WC and three good sized bedrooms. EPC: C

£244,995

Berecroft, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented two bedroom mid terrace house in Longley. The property has two good size bedrooms, large lounge area and a tiled bathroom with electric shower unit. EPC: E

£249,999

Longley, Harlow



SOUGHT AFTER location accompanied with its on private parking. The property has a open plan feel downstairs with a good sized kitchen EPC: C

£260,000

Archers, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer for sale this end of terrace family home with easy access into North London! A three bedroom end of terrace. EPC: D

£269,495

Taylifers, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to offer this spacious 4 bedroom Unique modern style bungalow That is situated in close proximity to Staple Tye. The property features A modern fitted kitchen with breakfast bar and quartz work surfaces. EPC: E

£270,000

Bishopsfield, Harlow



Guardian are delighted to present a two bedroom house in the rarely available private area of Glan Avon Mews. Quiet cul-de-sac location, close to M11 and local amenities. Private parking and low maintenance garden. EPC: C

£279,995

Glan Avons Mews, Harlow



Looking for your next step on the property ladder? A very well presented FAMILY HOME in one of the quieter turnings in Harlow. Offering ample storage and a brilliant layout, the property really does boast a great home for you and your family. EPC: D

£279,999

Jerounds, Harlow



Located in the award winning development of New Hall, Harlow, Guardian have the privilege to present a rare opportunity to acquire a mid terrace two bedroom property. Allocated parking, two large double's and perfect for a family. EPC: C

£309,995

Alba Road, New Hall



Guardian are delighted to offer this rare opportunity to acquire this three bedroom detached family oriented property in the sought after, private area, of Albert Gardens, Church Langley.

£329,950

Albert Gardens, Church Langley



Guardian are delighted to present this rarely available five bedroom detached family home in desirable private area of Church Langley. Cul de sac location, converted garage, parking, summer house and many modern features. EPC: D

£599,995

Davenport, Church Langley

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AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Mazda CX-5 2.2 4WD Sport Nav Automatic
- **Price:** £33,395
- **Mechanical:** 175ps, 2,191cc, 4cyl diesel engine driving all four wheels via 6sp automatic gearbox
- **Max Speed:** 126mph
- **0-62mph:** 9.4 sec
- **Combined MPG:** 38
- **Insurance Group:** 21
- **CO2 emissions:** 152/gkm
- **Bik rating:** 35%
- **Warranty:** 3 years/60,000 miles



Mazda has a thoroughly deserved reputation for quietly getting on with the job and building some great if unassuming cars, such as the CX-5 SUV. It also proves it's not a one-trick pony best known for the stunning sporty MX-5 two-seater.

No, it also builds a very good SUV in the shape of the CX5 and you may consider it's the natural step up from the sports car when family responsibilities kick in.

The Mazda CX-5 range runs to ten models split over two trim levels with manual or automatic transmission and a choice of 165ps 2.0 petrol and 150/ 175 2.2 TD engines.

Prices run from £23,700 to £33,400 and we tried out the top model.

Our 2.2 turbo diesel manual was one of the

most popular and impressive with good pull once on the move, through the gears and then settling down to a steady long-legged cruising gate on main roads where it proved economical.

The automatic transmission is quick and very smooth up or down ratios and it is matched with nicely balanced steering for easy parking or effortless open-road precision. The footbrake matched the power underfoot and the parking brake held it on a steep test slope we use for comparisons.

There was a lot to like about the simple, well-placed switchgear and straightforward instruments, but which could have been better marked.

Climate control system was easy to understand, use and effective and oddments space was good for a family car. It was

effortless to load the boot from the back and its capacity was good and soon increased when the seatbacks were dropped.

Driver and passengers had no trouble getting into the cabin, with plenty of front seat adjustment and comfortable support, and even those behind did not complain about a lack of leg or headroom.

From the driving seat I had issues with over-the-shoulder vision when leaving a junction or pulling into a stream of traffic, or when reversing. Sensors and camera are a necessity but you still need to exercise caution.

At night the headlights were bright and far reaching while the wipers did a good job in heavy rain.

On the move you could hear the suspension absorbing bumps and potholes

but generally it smoothed them out very well despite its bias towards firmness overall.

That may be due to the 4x4 transmission, but there was no harshness through the system and it coped very well with wintry roads that seemed to linger for too long around us.

Handling was surefooted, responses good and body roll or pitching was minimal so you never felt out of control or likely to induce sickness on longer runs.

I would have liked less four-cylinder engine noise at higher revs. and muted road noise, and Mazda could reduce that with thicker insulation of the cabin area and under the bonnet.

Unlike its sibling, the CX5 is not a sports car but it has a respectable acceleration, is refined on motorways and can give almost 40mpg overall.

It does nothing badly but a lot very well.

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Ms Jenny Wamack only 18 not on electoral roll, unable to prove income

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Bobby Howood has had only a 127 credit score

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Roy Haines Self employed builder, no pay slips NO PROBLEM!

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Mrs Hillary Downing had been turned down twice before (Not by us)

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- 6 Mazda 3 0 Cash Deposit then only £22 per week
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- 8 Ford Focus 0 Cash Deposit then only £24 per week
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- 6 Vauxhall Zafira 0 Cash Deposit then only £28 per week
- 7 Hyundai Tucson 0 Cash Deposit then only £28 per week
- 8 Citroen C1 0 Cash Deposit then only £28 per week
- 9 Volkswagen Golf 0 Cash Deposit then only £28 per week
- 10 Kia Cee'd 0 Cash Deposit then only £28 per week

THEN ONLY FROM £25 Per Week

- 1 Kia Cee'd (Automatic) 0 Cash Deposit then only £29 per week
- 2 Vauxhall Corsa Active 0 Cash Deposit then only £29 per week
- 3 Fiat 500 Lounge 0 Cash Deposit then only £29 per week
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CARS £8,000 TO £9,999				
15/15	Toyota Yaris Hatchback 1.33 VVT-i Icon 5dr	Red	31517	£8499

Year	Description	Colour	Mileage	Price £
15/15	Vauxhall Corsa Special E 1.4T [100] Limited Edition 3dr	Red	24743	£8499
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14/14	Vauxhall Mokka Hatchback 1.6i SE 5dr	White	35541	£8499
13/13	Vauxhall Astra GTC Diesel Coupe 2.0 CDTi 16V SRi 3dr Auto	Blue	35399	£8499
15/15	Vauxhall Mokka Hatchback 1.6i Exclusiv 5dr	Black	33133	£8990
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16/16	Vauxhall Adam Hatchback Special Ed 1.2i Energised 3dr	Blue	12091	£9499
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2013 (13) Vauxhall Mokka 1.6,
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2014 (14) Vauxhall zafira 1.8 grey,
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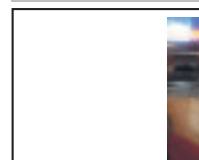
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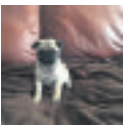
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The relevant licensable activities are as follows:
30/06/2018 12:00-20:00
19/07/2018 18:00-20:00

The activities are 30/06/2018 Live and recorded music, performance of dance and sale of alcohol

An interested party or responsible authority wishing to make representations to this application may do so by writing to Licensing team, Harlow Council, Civic Centre, The Water Gardens, College square, Harlow, Essex, CM201WG not later than 23/05/2018.

Representations are public documents under the Data Protection Act. A copy of the application can be viewed at the Licensing Authority's address during normal office hours. It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with this application, the maximum fine on summary conviction being £5,000.

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Essex County Council**(Parndon Wood Road Harlow, Essex)**
(Introduction of No Waiting/No Loading Restriction)
(On Street) Order 2018

Colchester Borough Council acting on behalf of the North Essex Parking Partnership in exercise of the delegated powers of the traffic authority Essex County Council granted under an agreement dated 31 March 2011 proposes to make the above order under sections 1(1), 2 (1) to (3), 4(1), 4(2), 32, 35,45,46,49 and 53 and parts III and IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Essex County Council in the Harlow District of (Parndon Wood Road Harlow, Essex) (Introduction of No Waiting/Loading restriction) (On Street) Order 2018

The effect of this Order will be to:

- a) Introduce no waiting at any time/no loading at any time to the area of the road shown on the plan and specified in the schedules to this Order.

A copy of the proposed Order and associated schedule is available for inspection at Harlow District Council Civic Centre Watergardens Harlow CM20 1WG and Chelmsford County Library, Market Road, Chelmsford, CM1 1LH during normal office hours. Copies can be acquired on payment at photocopying charges. Copies can also be viewed at www.parkingpartnership.org

Any objections to the proposed Order should be made in writing, stating the ground(s) on which they are made and addressed to:

Notice of Intention, Parndon Wood Road, North Essex Parking Partnership, PO Box 5575, Colchester, CO1 9LT or by email parking@colchester.gov.uk by no later than 25 May 2018.

Dated: 03 May 2018.

Essex County Council, Network Assurance, A2 Annexe, Seax House, Victoria Road South, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1QH. Telephone: 0345 603 7631
Website: www.essex.gov.uk/highways

(Footpath 14 & Footpath 29, Sheering)
(Temporary Prohibition of Use) Order 2018

Further to a notice: Under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which commenced on 2nd May 2018.

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: to temporarily close that length of Footpath 14 & Footpath 29, Harlow as specified:

Footpath	Description	Alternative Route
Footpath 29, Harlow	From Marsh Lane in the east to the junction with Footpath 184 in the west for a distance of approximately 700 metres	Gilden Way and Marsh Lane
Footpath 14, Harlow	From Gilden Way, north for approximately 575 metres	Gilden Way and Marsh Lane

The closure is scheduled to commence on 7th May 2018 for 6 months or where appropriate signs are showing and weather permitting.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while development works are undertaken.

The Order will come into effect on 7th May 2018 and may continue in force for 6 months, or until the works are finished, whichever is the earlier.

(Gilden Way, Harlow)
(Temporary Introduction of 30 MPH Speed Limit)
Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council intends, not less than seven days from the date of this notice, to make the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order: To temporarily introduce a 30mph speed limit on that length of Gilden Way, Harlow in the District of Harlow, from its junction with London Road Roundabout for a distance of approximately 1900m in an easterly direction (the road is currently national speed limit). The temporary speed limit is scheduled to commence on 21st May 2018 for 362 days, or where stated on a valid permit (EP20153038954 - Essex County Council). The scheduled dates may vary for these works with appropriate signs showing and/or displayed on www.roadworks.org. The temporary speed limit is required for the safety of the public and workforce while pipe moving works are undertaken by Essex County Council.

The Order will come into effect on 10th May 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

(Various Roads, District of Harlow)
(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic & Clearway) (No.3)
Order 2018

Notice is hereby given that the Essex County Council has made the above Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Effect of the order:

1. To temporarily close the various lengths of road in the Harlow District as specified in the schedule to this Order.
2. A temporary 'No Stopping' restriction will be introduced on both sides of carriageway on the above lengths of roads for the duration of the closure to facilitate the works. Signs will be installed indicating when the No Stopping restriction will be in force.

"The District of Harlow (On Street) (Waiting, Loading and Parking) (Consolidation) Order 2011" will be temporarily amended to include the temporary 'No Stopping at Any Time' restriction and suspend any existing parking and waiting restrictions on the above lengths of roads only. All other restrictions and exemptions contained in the aforementioned Order and Amendments to that Order shall remain in force.

The works being undertaken will take place within an 18-month period from 26th April 2018 exact dates will be specified on <http://roadworks.org/>. The roads will be closed to facilitate each phase and then re-opened to the public. Access will be maintained for emergency services. Diversion routes will be signed at each location and residents will be informed of the dates of each phase via letter/leaflet drop and advanced warning signs on the road.

For all enquiries please contact our Contact Centre on 0345 603 7631.

The Order came into effect on 26th April 2018 and may continue in force for 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Location	Extents	Diversion
Velizy Avenue	From Roundabout with Second Avenue to Roundabout with fourth Avenue - a distance of approximately 550m	Allende Avenue, Fifth Avenue, Edinburgh Way, A414, Second Avenue and Vice Versa
Momples Road	From its junction with Howard Way to Junction with First Avenue - a distance of approximately 1325m	Howard Way, First Avenue and Vice Versa

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The triumphant Passmores Academy under-14 girls' team

Passmores score five as they seal Essex silverware

PASSMORES' under-14 girls' football team capped their amazing run to the final of this year's Essex Cup in the best possible way – by bringing home the silverware after a 5-2 victory. The Harlow Academy's schoolgirls were making their debut in the final against a seasoned Eastwood team, and knew that the challenge would be intense.

But, showing the self-belief and teamwork that has got them this far, they passed the test with flying colours.

A tight first half saw Passmores steal an early lead through Lauren Clenshaw.

A period of pressure from Eastwood saw them equalise just before half-time.

In the second half, stalwart Charis Howell blasted a powerful

shot into the top left corner from distance.

A flowing move started by Rosie Parnell down the left, and supported by Maisie Brookwell, allowed some neat play before a cross to Gracie Doye saw her fire home.

Then another team goal saw the ball go from end-to-end, with Clenshaw striking the ball past the keeper.

Eastwood continued to play well, but full-backs Ellie Barnard and Ellie Callaghan soaked up the pressure.

Jess Ascott also was sharp in denying the opposition at key times during the encounter.

Doye then grabbed her second, running through three defenders. Eastwood pulled a goal back but it was to be Passmores' day.

Coach and assistant principal Rebecca Conway said: "Our team didn't doubt themselves and they stuck to the game plan.

"This proves not only that hard work pays off but also that individuals don't win trophies – teams do.

"I couldn't be any prouder." The girls will now attend the Women's FA Cup final as a reward for their efforts.

Sonko signs off with loss

AN 89th minute spot-kick from Wingate & Finchley captain Sean Cronin saw Harlow Town end their Bostik League Premier Division with a first home defeat since February.

The 1-0 loss meant Harlow ended their disappointing season in 21st place, with 13 wins, eight draws and 25 losses.

Former Reading and Stoke City man Ibrahima Sonko replaced Sam Clarke on 58 minutes, taking the armband for his last appearance as a footballer.

Manager Danny Chapman said: "The first half had a bit of an end of season feel to it.

"We were on top in the second half, we got in their penalty area numerous times.

"It would have been nice to see off Sonko with a win. He's a fantastic man and been absolutely brilliant for this football club and it will be a long time before this club has someone of his calibre playing for it.

"He's helped out on a daily basis – he's been fantastic for me, and he's had a fantastic career and I'm very proud he's finished here under me.

"We've been a hell of a lot better these past two months than that's why we've stayed up.

"It's only recently we've been able to field a regular side.

"It's been a tough season for everyone, but we've stayed up and that is testament to the players.

"This is a tough league, and I'd like to say a massive thank you to the owners to make sure we're still here and everything is in place.

"The biggest disappointment is we haven't had the crowds when we've struggled. Yes we've had loyal fans, but there are too many who haven't supported us.

"We're a community club and the town need to appreciate that and show the club more support than they have."

Coates sets a new best time

HARLOW Running Club's Darren Coates smashed his personal best an incredible three hours and 40 minutes at the Fellsman Race – a 62 mile and 11,000ft climb over the Yorkshire Dales.

He finished in 83rd place out of 341 finishers in 18hr 13min.

The club had two runners at the Chelmsford Viper 15 Mile Trail Run. Andy Bradley finished in eighth place out of 83 finishers in 2hr 07min 49sec and Sean Flynn was 20th in 2.16.13.

Meanwhile, at the Rock'n'Roll Nashville Half Marathon, Andy Kinney finished in 10,519 place out of 14,959 finishers in 2.45:43.

At the Great Notley Spring Duathlon in Braintree – a 4km run, 20km bike, 4km run – Rob Lowe finished in 20th place out of 94 finishers in 1.15:00.

Jon Steadman was 30th in 1.18:45.

England call for netball teen Burt

Harlow player hopes to shine in fast version of sport

A HARLOW teenager with a passion for netball has been rewarded for her hard work in training and commitment to the sport by being selected for the England Nets under-21 team.

Jasmine Burt, who has just turned 17, has been playing netball since the age of nine when she joined Harlow based club Tegate.

She now hopes to follow in the footsteps of England goal shooting star and Commonwealth gold medalist Jo Harten, a former member of Tegate.

Burt has come on leaps and bounds, working her way up through the ranks of local netball, to regional and county level.

Last year she was selected to play for London Pulse NPL (National Players League) and is

currently a member of that squad.

She was also selected to play against the senior Grenada international team at Crystal Palace.

The talented teenager, currently attends Barking Abbey's sixth form Netball Academy, training with them every day as well as travelling all over the country to play other sixth forms.

Her mother, Kim, said: "Jaz is a determined inspirational young athlete who has worked so hard to get to where she is now.

"On her journey she has had many knock backs, but she has always got her self back up and come back more determined.

"Jaz has also qualified as a netball umpire and gives up her time

to coach the younger athletes at Tegate."

Her coach at Tegate, Carol Bull first put Burt forward put her forward for East Essex Satellite and county trials at the age of 12.

Nicked

"When she was just nine her primary school teacher told us she had an eye for the game – he nicknamed named her 'Snake eyes Burt'," added Kim.

"Their school team won the Harlow Primary High 5 tournament, which put them through to the Essex County primary finals and they came runners up.

"In February Jaz first trialled for U21s England Nets in Leicester.

"We then received and email

inviting Jaz back to the final round of trials in Birmingham – with an amazing outcome of being selected for England U21 Nets."

Nets is a variation of netball that is fast, non-stop and very tactical.

Although there are similarities with the rules of standard seven a side netball, there are a number of differences as well.

The most obvious of these is that the game is played within an enclosed high tension cage, or nets.

In 2015 England Netball took gold at the Nets World Championships in Australia, and the following year three squads (U21 Ladies, Ladies and Mixed) travelled to New Zealand, with the Ladies crowned champions.



Harlow teenager netballer Jasmine Burt